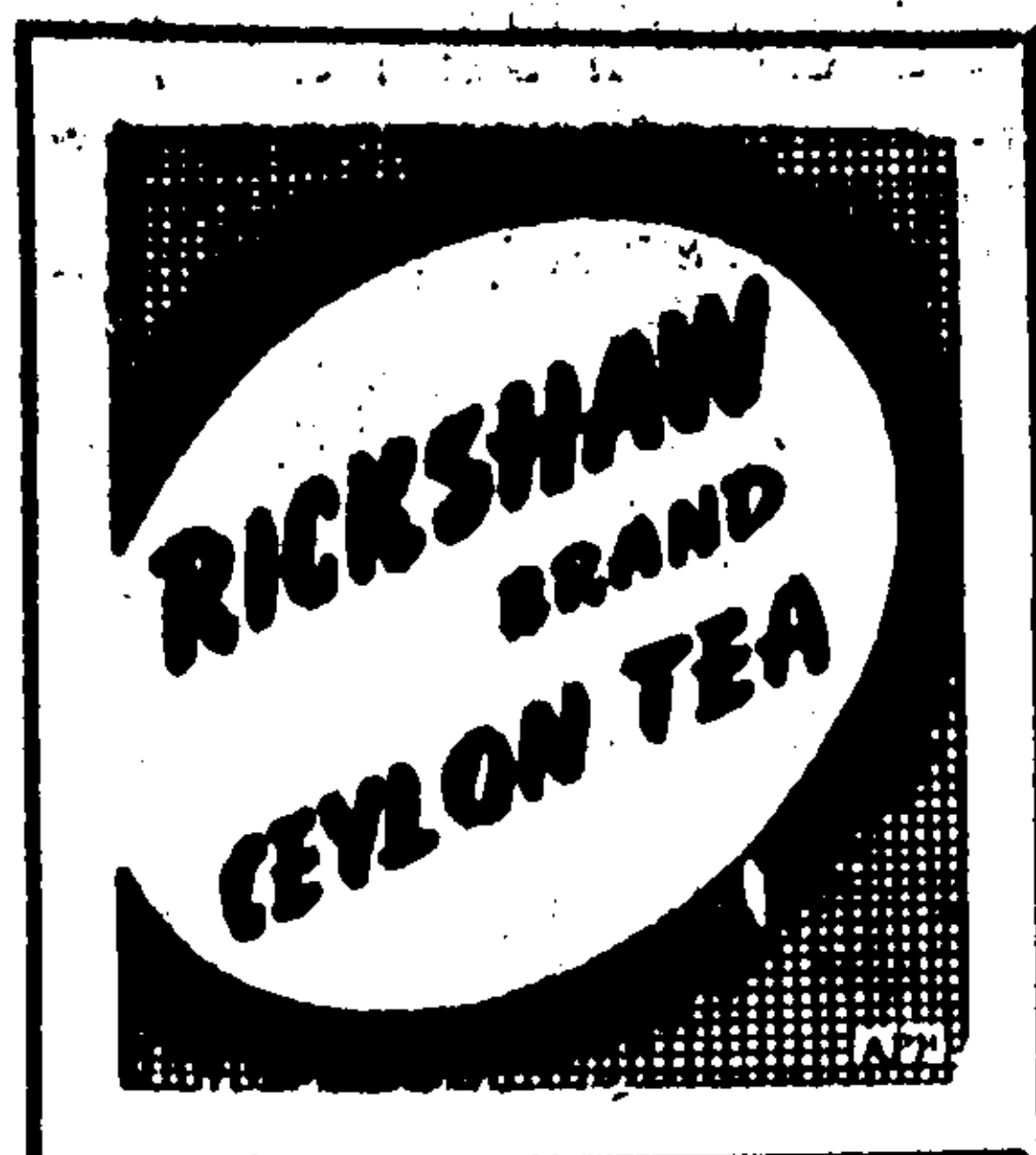




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U.S. WATCHING AND WAITING

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NEW BRITISH FIGHTER

London, To-day.
It is disclosed that a new type of long-range fighter will shortly be put into service with the Royal Air Force.
Several of the machines have already emerged successful from exhaustive tests and it is stated that when the time comes to use these fighters, there will be some surprises.—Reuter.

650 M.P.H. IN DIVE IN SPITFIRE

London, To-day.
A British pilot, it is revealed, has achieved 650 miles an hour in a Spitfire fighter, without knowing very much about it.

The pilot lost consciousness when flying at an extreme height, and when he recovered found himself in a vertical dive with his throttle full open.
The top speed of the plane with throttle wide open is 450 m.p.h. and it is considered by experts that a vertical dive in these circumstances would produce a speed of at least 650 m.p.h.
The pilot knew he was liable to lose consciousness again if he pulled out too abruptly, but he gradually righted and landed the plane safely.
The plane is now being carefully examined by experts for signs of stresses and strains and the pilot's experience is likely to provide valuable research material, as well as showing, at once, the remarkable stability of the Spitfire construction.—Reuter.

MOSCOW CALLING UP MORE MEN

London, To-day.
Moscow is calling more men to the colours.
All in the 18-30 age group have been ordered to report for service, but mobilization is expected to take place until late in the year.
The Soviet Government has said that the mobilization of the Russian army is being accelerated and that the army is now being reorganized and equipped for the future.—Reuter.

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.
A LETTER TO THE "NEW YORK TIMES" FROM MR. HENRY L. STIMSON, SECRETARY OF STATE IN THE HOOVER REGIME, IN WHICH HE ADVOCATES STOPPING SUPPLIES TO JAPAN, HAS CAUSED A SENSATION IN POLITICAL CIRCLES.

The letter has even superseded the European war as a topic of discussion.

Mr. Stimson's communication is of special importance owing to the fact that he is a universally respected veteran foreign affairs expert and one of the most important Republican leaders.

Much emphasis is placed on the time selected by Mr. Stimson for writing the letter — on the eve of the expiration of the Japan-American commercial treaty.

It is considered that Mr. Stimson is only expressing the growing anti-Japanese feeling among the population of the United States.

MR. HULL SILENT

Political circles observe that the State Department is keeping silent on the letter.

This silence should not be interpreted as a sign of weakness or indecision but rather as confirmation of

the Administration's resolute policy of seeking to respect the Nine-Power Treaty.

JAPAN'S POSITION PRECARIOUS

Authoritative quarters state reports from Tokyo show that Japan's position is becoming daily more precarious and that Tokyo is not in a position to take any far-reaching initiative.

This is why the State Department maintains silence, waiting for further indications of the trend Japan will take in the light of the present situation and the possibility of immediate enforcement of an arms and ammunition embargo after the treaty's expiration.—Havas.

U.S. MOVE TO FORTIFY GUAM

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.
THE PROPOSED UNITED STATES PLAN FOR IMPROVING THE DEFENCES OF GUAM IS THE SUBJECT OF COMMENT IN THE "CHINA PRESS" THIS MORNING.

The newspaper says its significance is more inclined to be moral than strategic.

It adds: "By appropriating the required funds Congress will be able to demonstrate to Japan at an exceedingly opportune moment that the United States is by no means thinking and planning to withdraw from the Far East."

"Such a demonstration may well bring about a sobering effect in Tokyo."

The newspaper points out that when the Guam Improvement Bill was passed by Congress early last year there was a great rejoicing in Tokyo and it was followed by a statement from the Japanese attitude towards the United States of China.

HITLER NOW CALLING THE TUNE?

(SPECIAL TO THE "CHINA MAIL")

PARIS, TO-DAY.
FRENCH POLITICAL CIRCLES ARE OF OPINION THAT THE FINISH AFFAIR WILL HAVE IMPORTANT POLITICAL REPERCUSSIONS. AS A PROTRACTED STRUGGLE OR THE DEFEAT OF THE RED ARMY WILL TEND TO CHANGE THE BALANCE OF FORCES IN THE BERLIN-MOSCOW AXIS.

While only a few weeks ago Stalin was in a position to dictate to Hitler, now reliable information shows that the Kremlin is begging Berlin for technical assistance to improve the fighting value of the Red Army.

In exchange for such help Berlin demands a certain share of control over Soviet industry, which the Soviet so far has been reluctant to give.—Havas.

26 DEGREES OF FROST IN BERLIN

London, To-day.
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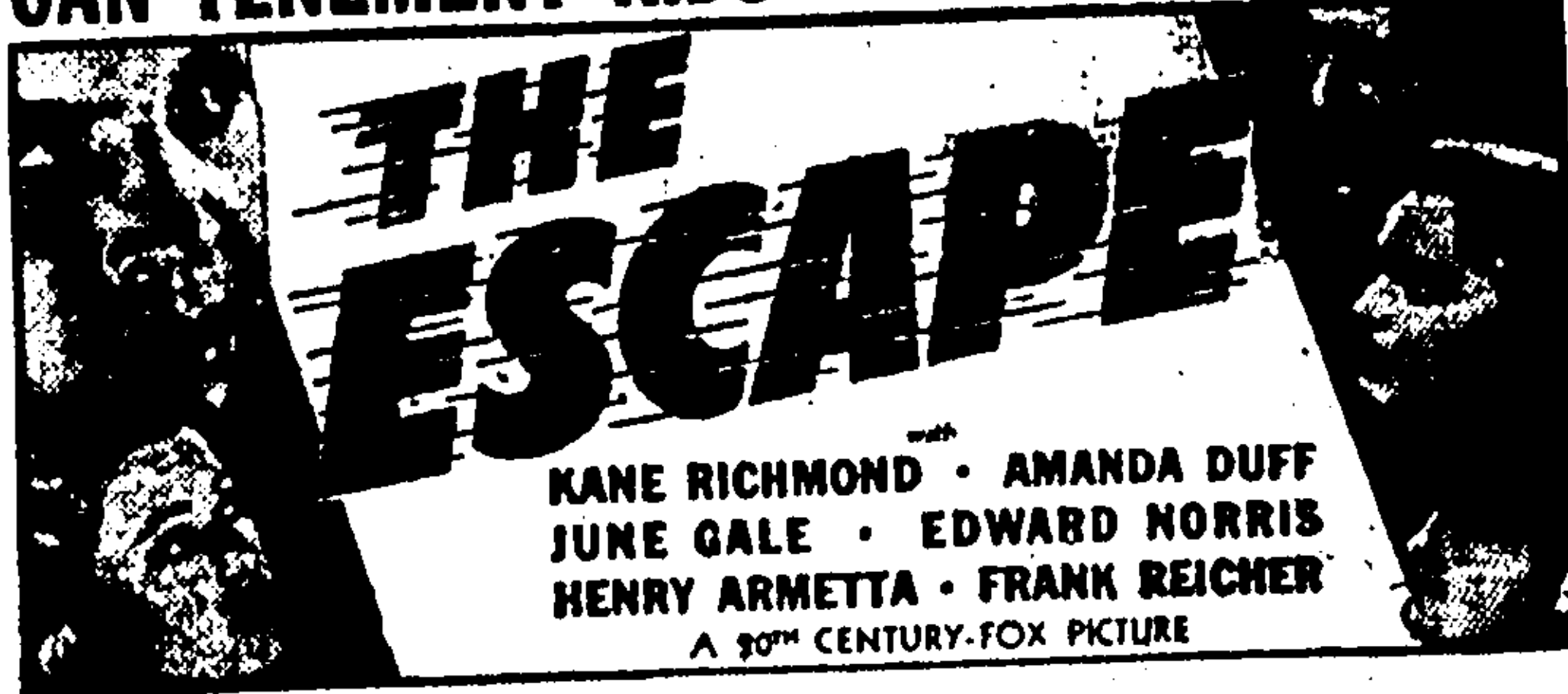
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PETROL RATIONING SCHEME IN BRITAIN SLIGHTLY MODIFIED

London, To-day.

THE NEXT ISSUE of petrol ration books for private motor-cars will cover a period of three months from the end of January.

Apart from the ordinary supplementary allowances which, generally speaking, will be made on the existing basis, there has been some relaxation of the regulations in respect of large motorcycles.

The extension of the basic rationing period to three months is evidence of the Government's belief that the existing situation regarding supplies and stocks is sufficiently satisfactory to justify a longer range policy in petrol rationing.

At present therefore it is understood the Government does not contemplate any further early restriction of civilian petrol consumption, though the position will naturally be carefully watched in relation to continued supplies and the essential continued supplies and the essential

ECONOMIC COOPERATION

In this connexion the Anglo-French economic cooperation is fully effective and close collaboration between the British and French Governments has been assured by contacts between the respective Ministers concerned who have established complete identity of view.

The considerable use of private motor vehicles which the present scale of petrol rationing in Britain permits may be compared with the edict published in Germany on November 1 forbidding the use of motorcars for private purposes and giving the police the right to halt motorists and question them on the purpose of their journeys.

The restrictions here are cheerfully accepted by the British public, which realises that continued supplies on an adequate scale are only available because of the efficiency of the Royal Navy and the courage and tenacity of the tanker crews.

PETROL IMPORTS

In 1938 Britain required to import three thousand million gallons of petroleum products, which meant that every day of the year three or four large tankers had to discharge at British ports.

The number of tankers now in commission is larger than at the outbreak of war, when the total tonnage was 3,278,000.

Total British tanker losses up to January 7 amounted to 68,000 tons, or 2.07 per cent. of the whole, and this deficiency has been more than made good by new building acquisition and in other ways.

The same is true of the French tanker fleet.

The Germans have recently published figures designed to show that British tanker losses are 4.81 per cent

of the total fleet. This is entirely false.

INTERFERENCE

They also gave a figure for tanker tonnage now under construction in England, with which they doubtless hoped to elicit particulars which it is not in the national interest to publish.

The Germans can draw little consolation from the true facts, which prove conclusively that German activities have not interfered with normal supplies of petrol and oil to the United Kingdom.—British Wireless.

MEAT UNDER CONTROL

London, To-day.

The Ministry of Food are taking complete control of all meat supplies in the country on Jan. 15.

Meat rationing, however, will not take effect until a later date. — British Wireless.

ITALIAN PLANES TO BE RETURNED

Tallin, To-day.

Italian 'planes which were held up by the Nazi Government on their way through to Finland are to be returned to Italy. The Nazis, it is understood, decided to return the 'planes as a result of strong representations by the Italian Government. — Reuter.

BIG PURCHASE OF WHEAT IN AUSTRALIA

London, To-day.

The Ministry of Food announced yesterday that they have entered into an agreement with the Australian Wheat Board to purchase 1,650,000 tons of wheat and flour.

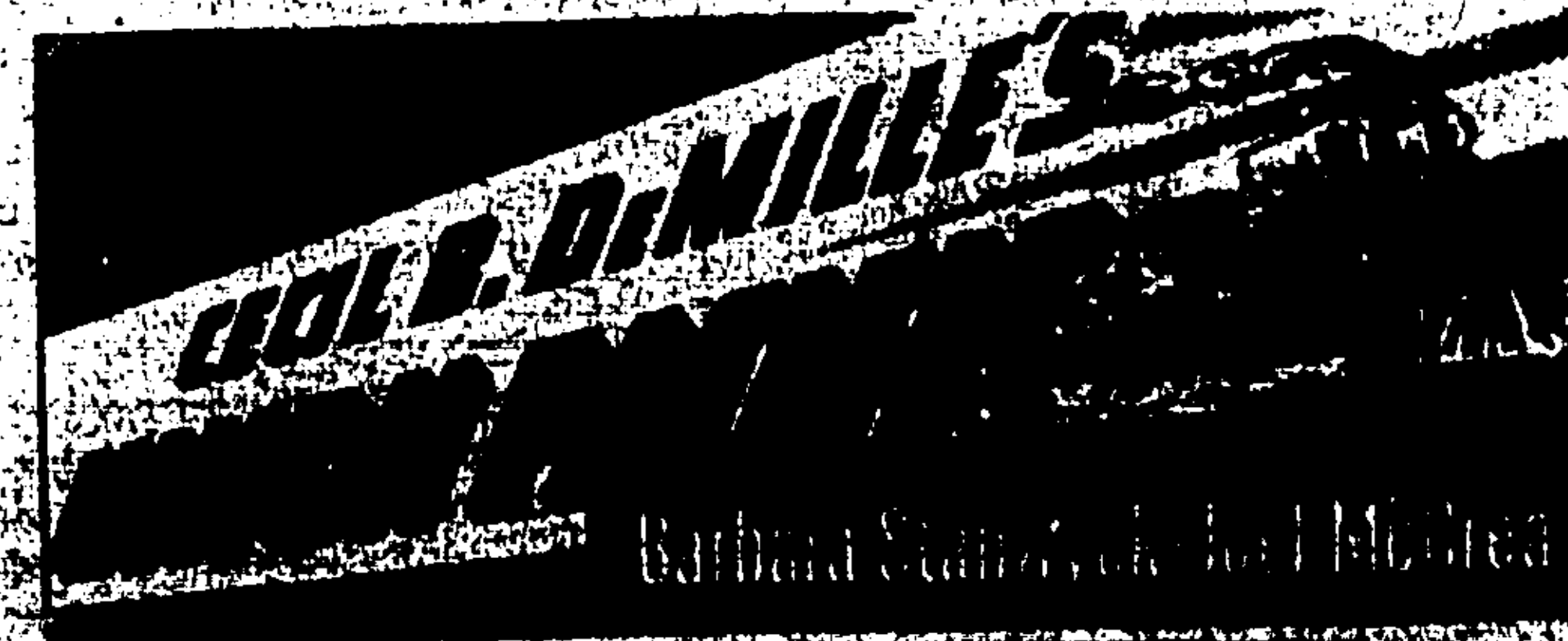
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DEFENCE MEASURES IN GUAM

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.
Havas understands that no separate project for the fortification of Guam will be made during this session of Congress, but credits necessary to improve its naval and air facilities will be included in the naval budget for "improving the air base."—Havas.

ABOLITION OF LYNCHING SOUGHT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.

AIMING AT THE DEFINITE ABOLITION OF LYNCHING, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES YESTERDAY VOTED A BILL BY WHICH DIFFERENT STATES WILL BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY LYNCHINGS IN THEIR TERRITORIES AND WILL PAY INDEMNITIES TO THE FAMILIES OF LYNCH VICTIMS.

The Bill is now awaiting the sanction of the Senate.
During heated debates, Congressmen accused the Republican sponsors of manoeuvring to "win over the negro votes."

It is pointed out that lynchings have steeply declined in recent years: 231 lynchings in 1922 against 20 in 1933, eight in 1937 and only two in 1939.—Havas.

NO SHORTAGE OF BRITISH TANKERS

London, To-day.

It is officially stated in London that the number of British tankers in commission is larger than at the outbreak of war, when the tonnage was 3,279,000.

British losses to January 7 amounted to 68,000 tons more than was made good by building and acquisition in other ways.

The same is true of the French tanker fleet, hence German activities have not interfered with normal supplies of petrol to the United Kingdom.—Reuter.

C.I.G.S. BACK IN ENGLAND

London, To-day.

General Sir Edmund Ironside, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, returned to England yesterday from the front.—Reuter.

The Nazi press makes no concealment of the misery that Hitler's aggression has brought upon the Polish people. In the 'Volkischer Beobachter', Peter von Erpeldingen writes: "Whether near Cracow or near Czeszochowa, on the roads near the German frontier or in the central Polish region round Warsaw, or in the north-west between Kolo and Posen, or round Bromberg (Bydgoszcz) and Thom (Torun)—everywhere we were met by streams of refugees." He says that half Poland seems to be wandering without any definite plan or direction. The disorder of these people "with dull, ill-natured, and sullen faces", going about in rags, with their small belongings in farm-carts, is, he admits, partly due to the war, but also, he claims, to their lack of energy and their habit of letting themselves be driven.

A similar picture is given by the 'Borsen-Zeitung'. "The Polish peasants are on the wander, they move like nomads on an endless road."

"It is obvious," writes the 'National Zeitung' in an article glorifying the plunder of Poland, "that this people after the bitter experiences of the recent past (these 'bitter experiences', it should be noted, are the alleged experiences of the Germans, not of the Poles) must be regarded and treated not as a defeated opponent but as a conquered enemy.... By German officials and military authorities the Jews are treated in accordance with their deserts, the Poles 'with correctness but nothing more'.... By the labour offices.... the Germans are separated from the Poles and given preferential treatment.... In the refugee trains of the first days the few passenger carriages were reserved for them. The newly appointed administrative authorities employed only Germans wherever possible. Jewish businesses and Polish businesses inimical to Germany were to the greatest possible extent entrusted to the loyal hands of Germans for whom by this means it is possible to establish a secure independent existence. The German peasantry of the Vistula and Warta-land is already working, within the framework of the plan for the forcible change of settlers and the making of new settlements in Poznan and West Prussia, not merely to take again its former place, but, side by side with its kinsmen from Volhynia and the Baltic, to see to it that the old German soil comes now for ever into German hands."

The last sentence may offer some explanation for the number of Polish peasant refugees on the road.

NAZI SHIP SUNK BY AN ICEBERG

REYKJAVIK, TO-DAY.

SIXTY-TWO MEN OF THE GERMAN STEAMER 'BAHIA BLANCA' (8,558 TONS), WHICH STRUCK AN ICEBERG 60 MILES OFF ICELAND, ARE BEING BROUGHT HERE BY AN ICELANDIC TRAWLER.

The Bahia Blanca sailed from Rio de Janeiro with a cargo of coffee and minerals just before Christmas, in an attempt to break the blockade.

She was reported to have been captured by a British cruiser but the report was not confirmed in London.—Reuter.

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Speculation By A Military Correspondent

London, To-day.

NOW THAT SO MANY weaknesses have been unmasked in the Russian army, it is a natural question to ask how good is the German army, writes Reuter's military correspondent.

Is it possible, he asks, that it too may reveal the joints in its armour if a battle is fought in the West?

Can it be judged merely by the success in Poland, where conditions of modern warfare were in its favour?

There has never been any analogy between the Russian and German armies to be of military value.

The Germans excel at administrative and Staff work; their troops are magnificently equipped and whatever the internal state of the country the army is well fed.

The timbre of the Germans is now being measured by the Allied patrols.

The Allies are not making the mistake of underrating the enemy, while the Germans are acting with more caution than in Poland. They are obviously holding their defensive lines lightly.

SPRING OFFENSIVE

If the Spring offensive develops, the troops engaged will be fresh physically and eager for the fray.

Whether they will be as good as the Kaiser's troops in 1914 is a matter of opinion.

The present German army is young and has little experience in fighting.

On the other hand, the Allied armies are filled with veterans and, thanks to Colonial and Imperial responsibilities, many of the younger regulars have been under fire.

RICHER IN INITIATIVE

Hundreds of young Allied officers have experienced the responsibility of command, which breeds individual initiative, and it is safe to say that the Allies are infinitely richer in that quality than the Germans.

Initiative is a quality invaluable under the most difficult conditions of war. —Reuter.

BRITISH STRENGTH MISUSED

Britain is misusing her war resources "good and hearty" and spanners are being showered into the industrial machine, said Sir Warren Fisher, Regional Commissioner for the North Western Region, at a dinner at Manchester.

Sir Warren was stressing the need for "real economic planning."

That meant, he said, not twenty different Ministers or departments all acting independently, but a unified direction under a Minister selected for his qualifications and in the War Cabinet.

"What we really rely on apart from our morale is outlasting the other side," he said. "That is our economic strength."

"We start with an advantage. But it is not so great an advantage, and our resources are not so immeasurably superior to theirs that we can afford to misuse them."

It would need every ounce of our moral courage and drive and efficiency to win.

DUTCH ECONOMIC DEFENCE

The Hague, To-day.
The Netherlands Government have introduced a Bill to establish a fund for economic defence in order to finance special measures arising from war conditions, including the keeping down of the prices of the necessities of life.—Reuter.

M. HERRIOT DEFINES PEACE AIMS OF FRANCE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

The newly re-elected Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies, M. Edouard Herriot, emphasised in a speech yesterday why Britain and France were forced into war.

"Both countries are defending, as President Roosevelt said on January 3, freedom, rights of conscience, moral rights and democracy, which is the best form of government yet created by man."

M. Herriot eulogised the Allied armies, and said: "Franco-British solidarity in wartime is an excellent augury for times of peace."

He also paid homage to Finland, whose resistance "represents the triumph of mind over matter, and human values over brutality."

PEACE AIMS

M. Herriot outlined France's war aims, which, he said, were

To ensure peace for all nations,
To organise the enforcement of international law, taking into account past lessons,

To make sure that every country can satisfy its needs by normal pacific methods,

To enforce once again the rule of moral ideas, respect for which has foundered, and

To support the idea that there cannot exist a true civilisation without respect for the pledged word.

"International law must be founded on moral law and kept safe by a specific regime of security."—Havas.

CLUE TO MYSTERY OF 25 YEARS AGO

The mystery of the disappearance in New Zealand 25 years ago of Mr. Sydney King, a member of the Alpine Club of London, may be cleared up by the discovery of a body preserved in the ice of the Hochstetter Glacier, Westland, South Island, New Zealand.

In a Reuter report from Wellington it is stated that men walking on the lower portion of the glacier found a human trunk compressed to about 3in in thickness, with the flesh well preserved. There was also a quantity of clothing.

Mr. King, with two guides, was overwhelmed by an avalanche on the Linda Glacier after a successful ascent of the 12,340ft high Mount Cook 25 years ago. Mount Cook and the Hochstetter peak stand near to one another.

'HAD FURY OF SCORNE WOMAN'

"She has satisfied me that her evidence was saturated with venom, and that at the back of her evidence was that fury of a woman scorned."

Mr. Justice Lewis said this in the King's Bench Division concerning forty-three-year-old Miss Constance Eleanor Potter, of Shoot Up-hill, London, N.W., when he dismissed with costs her breach of promise action against Mr. Harry Cousins, aged fifty-seven, of Golders Green-road, N.W.

Miss Potter, who had been stated by her counsel to have been "thrown on one side like a piece of rubbish" after an engagement of ten or fourteen years, claimed that, after a secret engagement, intimacy took place, and they were officially engaged in September, 1925.

Mr. Cousins denied the secret engagement, and pleaded that the official engagement was rescinded by mutual consent.

"EXTREMELY SORDID STORY"
Mr. Justice Lewis, giving judgment, described the story as "extremely sordid."

When the action began Miss Potter's counsel asked that the statement of claim should be amended to fix the date of the promise, not as December, 1921, but as February, 1922. Counsel further told him (the Judge) that the particular in regard to intimacy were erroneous, and that no intimacy had taken place between the parties until 1925.

It was matter for extremely strong comment that Miss Potter, who alleged a promise of marriage and seduction, should make so terrible a mistake as to give the wrong date of the promise, and, further, to allege that she was seduced three years before the date she now gave.

"STRIPPED TO WAIST"

Referring to an incident after a dance soon after they had met, he said that at the suggestion of Mr. Cousins—a man fourteen years older than Miss Potter who was then twenty-five or twenty-six—she consented to strip herself to the waist, and spent a quarter of an hour with him in her drawing-room in that condition.

At that time, his lordship was satisfied, there was no promise of marriage.

"Miss Potter is obviously not in a sound physical and nervous condition," his lordship continued. "This was her first appearance in a public court, and she had to go into the witness-box and admit she had been intimate with this man when she was not married."

"I make every allowance for that, and for the fact that she has been ill. Certainly in one sense she has been badly treated by him."

GROWTH OF 'RED TAPE' TERRIFIES BISHOP

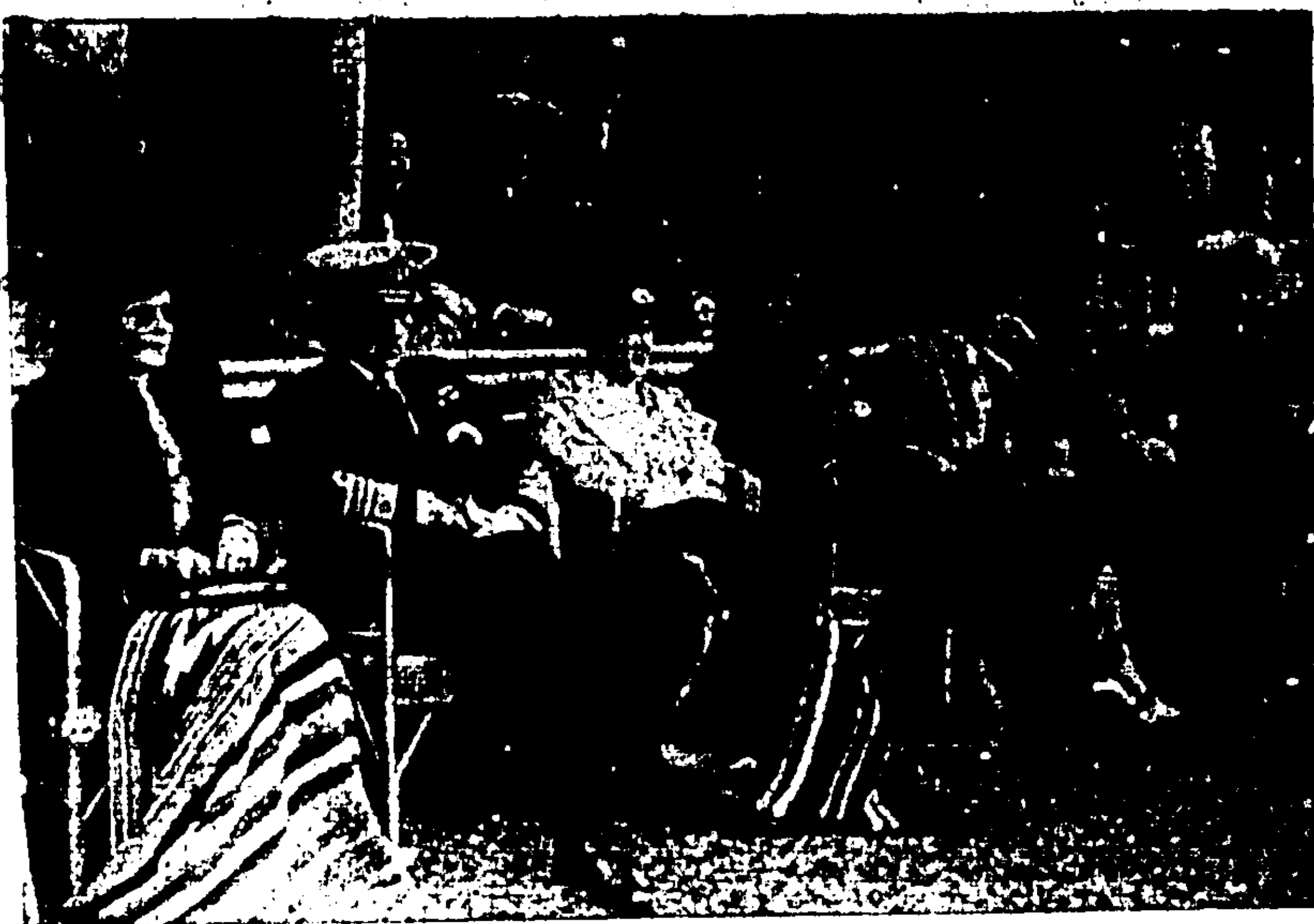
"I am really terrified at the growth of the spirit of bureaucracy," said the Bishop of Bristol, Dr. C. Salisbury Woodward.

Criticising what he called "the increase of red tape," he said:

"Bureaucracy means a little body of people in Whitehall—quite out of touch with the Tom, Dick or Harry in the street—who have power to lay down regulations, control industries, and to a large extent commandeer our lives."



Cary Grant and Jean Arthur seem in light and romantic mood in this scene from Columbia's new musical comedy, "Only Angels Have Wings," in which they are co-starred. Set in the jungles of South America, the story is a spectacular tale of romance and adventure. Coming to the King's Theatre.



Admiral Sir Percy Noble and Major-General Grasett were among those who saw the Army beat the Navy at Rugger last week-end.



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(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

Shanghai, To-day.

THE PASSING OF THE death sentence on Private David Eckford, of Kirkcaldy, Fifeshire, for the murder of Lance-Cpl. James Davis, provided moving scenes in the British Supreme Court yesterday.

While the jury were deliberating for nearly three hours, Eckford became increasingly nervous, occasionally leaving the courtroom for a smoke, accompanied by a police guard.

When the jury returned just before 7 o'clock it was easily noticeable from their faces what verdict they had decided on.

PIRATES ARMED WITH MACHINE-GUN

A STORY OF PIRATES ARMED WITH A MACHINE-GUN, REVOLVERS AND RIFLES, HAS BEEN RELATED TO THE POLICE BY A TRAVELLING TRADER, LEUNG CHOI, OF ROOM NO. 446, GREAT EASTERN HOTEL, WHO WAS ROBBED OF \$6,600 WORTH OF CARGO RECENTLY.

Leung left Tai Kong, in Chinese Territory, for Hong Kong on board junk No. 1621, with the cargo in junk No. 2115. Near Man King Sha, two large sampans approached and opened fire. Nine robbers boarded, armed with a machine gun, four revolvers and four rifles.

Leung and a crew of seven were kept prisoner till January 6 when they were released.

FRENCH BREAK INTO GERMAN LINES

London, To-day.

A German official communique admits that a French company succeeded in breaking through the German outpost defence system in the region of Forbach and to have penetrated for

Some of the jury had tears in their eyes, others were biting their lips, many were pale.

When the verdict was announced, accused stood stiffly to attention, looked the judge in the eye and said he had nothing to add.

The courtroom was filled to capacity. Many grew pale when the verdict was given.

Apparently the only person not affected was accused, though the nervous strain under which he was labouring was plainly discernible.

THANKS COUNSEL

After the sentence, Eckford walked up to his counsel and thanked him for his defence.

During the afternoon it was generally believed that the jury might possibly decide on a verdict of manslaughter.

This belief steadily increased as the minutes went by and the jury were still deliberating.

An hour later the entire city knew the verdict.—Our Own Correspondent.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone continues to diminish in intensity and remains centred over south-west Japan.

a distance of two miles.

The communique claims, however, that they were driven off again. — Reuter.

FRENCH RED DEPUTIES RECANT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

PARIS, TO-DAY.

FOUR FORMER COMMUNIST DEPUTIES AT PRESENT SERVING AT THE FRONT HAVE SENT A LETTER TO M. EDOUARD HERRIOT, SPEAKER OF THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES, ATTACKING SOVIET RUSSIA.

The letter reads: "Mobilised since the beginning of the war, we responded to the call and are accomplishing our duty as soldiers.

"We cannot support a policy which ended in fostering a threat to France and to world freedom, and which culminated in the attack on Finland."—Havas.

MR. STANLEY TAKING UP NEW JOB

London, To-day.

Mr. Oliver Stanley, the new Secretary for War, is starting his duties at the War Office to-day.

It was stated last night that Mr. Stanley, who has been suffering from influenza, is very much better.—Reuter.

OFFICER ROBBED

The residence of Lieut. W. E. Dickson, at No. 40, Kennedy Road, was entered early yesterday morning, and \$20 in money, a camera and a leather wallet were stolen.

NAZI AIR WAR ON SHIPPING

LIKE MAD DOG RENDING WHATEVER IS WITHIN REACH

London, To-day.

YESTERDAY'S BRITISH PRESS dealt with two aspects of the technique of aggression — the Nazi air attacks on defenceless shipping and the Soviet war on Finland.

Nazi sea warfare, says "The Times," has justified more than anything else Mr. Chamberlain's contention that the spirit of Nazi-ism is incompatible with liberty and justice. The destruction of the Dunbar Castle might be the latest example of the indiscriminate and unnotified laying of mines, but that pales beside the calculated brutality of the attacks on helpless fishermen and, now, on the Trinity lightship tender.

This, the paper continues, is not the attack of a civilized man fighting his enemy for the command of the sea, but rather the brutality and barbarism of the savage determined, like a mad dog, to rend whatever is within reach.

Far from terrorizing us, this will produce just the direct opposite effect. It demonstrates how disastrous to

the world submission to Nazi-ism would be.

INHUMAN BRUTALITY

Both the "News Chronicle" and the "Daily Mail" call the attack on the lightship tender "inhuman brutality" and "not war, but murder." "These methods can only fail," says the "Daily Mail. The Nazis are putting the methods of the gangster against the superior courage of men who refuse to be driven from the sea. Effective counter-measures have been devised by the Navy.

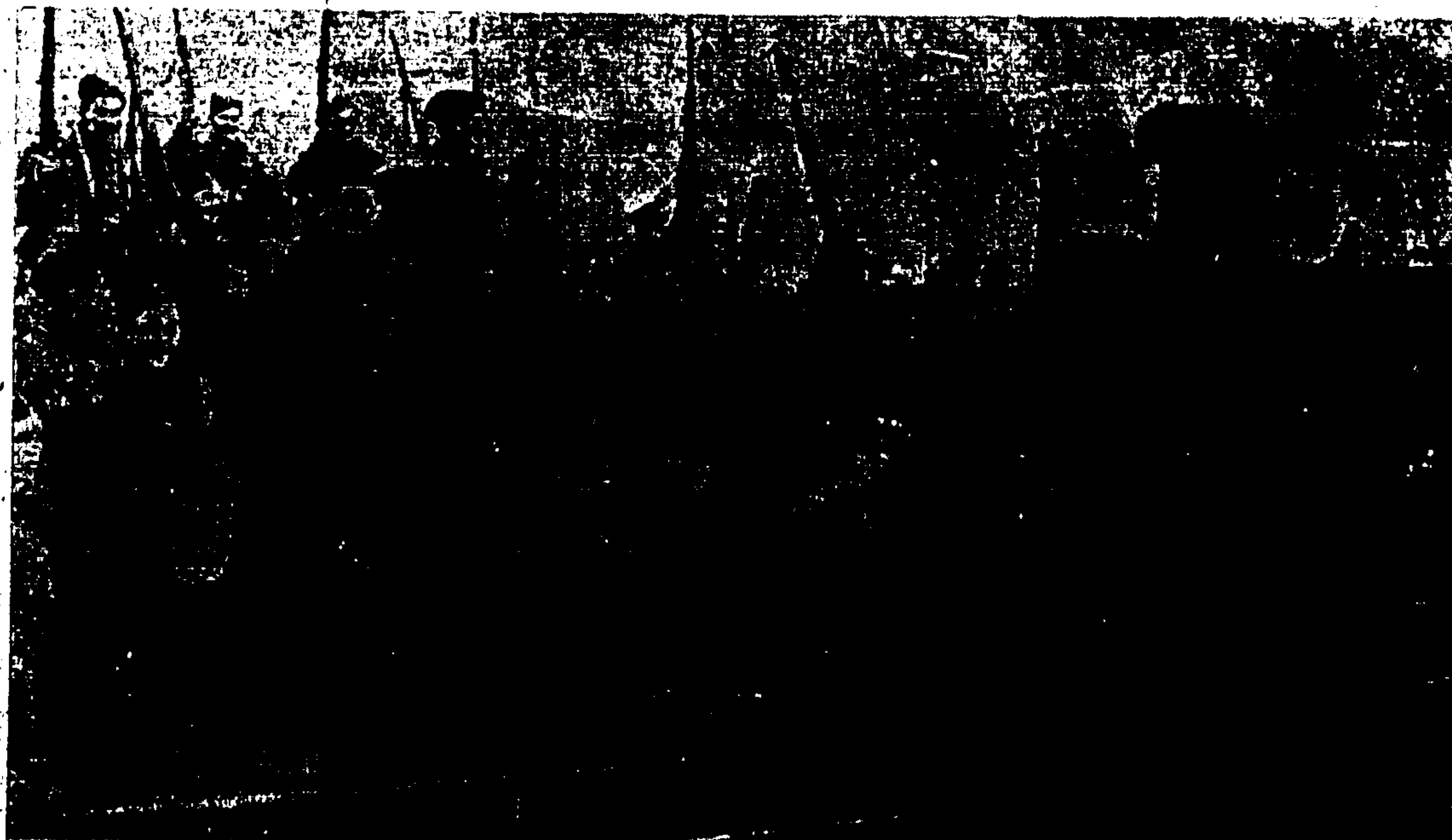
All papers stress the brutality of Soviet Russia's invasion on Finland.

A TONIC

The end of the campaign, which was expected to be a walk-over, is by no means in sight, says the "Daily Telegraph." Although over-optimism would be sheer folly, enough has happened to expose the weaknesses of an army which has become something of a bogey and serve as a tonic to other small nations similarly threatened.

History does not record anything braver than that of the Finnish struggle against Soviet Russia. There is concrete evidence that the Soviets have suffered a major defeat and their position is daily growing worse.

At the same time, it does not mean that Finland, with the odds 40 to 1 against her, will necessarily emerge the victor. She needs guns, munitions and tanks, and all possible help should be sent to her immediately.—Reuter.



Canadians waving their response to the cheers which greeted them on arrival in Finland. (Copyright Fox).

ANOTHER DIVISION IN A TIGHT CORNER

Red Army Force Of 18,000 Men Reported Trapped

DANISH PROTEST TO GERMANY

Rome, To-day.
According to a telegram from Copenhagen the Danish Government has instructed its Minister in Berlin to lodge a protest with the German Government against the Nazi air attack on two Danish ships in the North Sea.—Reuter.

OFFICIAL FIGURES

ANATOLIA EARTHQUAKE CALAMITY

Ankara, To-day.

Thirty thousand houses were totally destroyed in the recent Anatolian earthquakes, according to a statement in the National Assembly yesterday by M. Euztrak, Minister of Interior, who has just returned from the ravaged areas.

M. Euztrak gave lower figures for casualties than previously reported.

He estimated that 25,000 had been killed and 80,000 seriously injured.

He also stated that heavy loss of life and material damage had resulted from the flood following the earthquakes.—Reuter.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIPLOMAT

London, To-day.

The appointment of Mr. R. G. Casey as Australia's first Minister to Washington is the subject of press comment.

"The Times" welcomes the strengthening of the diplomatic representation of the British Commonwealth in Washington.

When Canada first decided to have Ministers of her own in foreign capitals, some fears were felt that this might lead to divided counsels and divergent policies.

In actual practice, things were just the other way, and there is no doubt that the closest co-operation will mark the relations between the British Embassy and the new Australian Legation.

Mr. Casey's knowledge of the general international situation is not surpassed by anyone in the Commonwealth. "The Times" continues, and the Australian Government's decision, and choice of Mr. Casey implies a definite compliment to the United States.—Reuter.

MAROONED 20 MILES FROM POINT CUT BY FINNS

Helsinki, To-day.

THERE IS REASON to believe that yet another Russian force is in a tight corner in northern Finland.

Finnish ski patrols have cut the main road from Salla and Cemijaervi to Salmijaervi at several places, thus marooning a Red Army force of about 18,000.

The Reds are believed to be some 20 miles in front of the point which has been cut.

The Russians would appear to be in an unenviable position, with the Finns advancing upon them from both flanks and down the centre.

It is reported that the Russians are rushing up between 35,000 and 40,000 reinforcements from railhead at Kandalaksk.—Reuter.

HELP STILL NEEDED URGENTLY

Helsinki, To-day.

In an interview, the Finnish Foreign Minister asked the countries of the world not to slacken their assistance because of recent Finnish successes at Suomussalmi.

Finland, he said, still urgently needs help.—Reuter.

GARIBALDI LEGION

Helsinki, To-day.

The first detachment of Italian volunteers has arrived here to fight the Reds.

They will be known as the Garibaldi Legion, after the great Italian patriot.—Reuter.

GEN. VINOGRADOV TRAGEDY ?

Copenhagen, To-day.

According to the Helsinki correspondent of the "Berlingske Tidende," Russian soldiers captured in Finland state that after the defeat of the Soviets at the Battle of Suomussalmi, General Vinogradov, broken with despair, disappeared with a few men into the forests.

The correspondent recalls that General Samsonov disappeared in similar fashion 25 years ago after the Tannenberg defeat at the hands of the Kaiser's armies.

The correspondent adds that General Vinogradov will never be seen again, or possibly his body will be discovered when the Spring sun melts the snow.—Reuter.

RUSSIANS ATTACK IN PETSAMO ZONE

London, To-day.

The Russians, following artillery bombardment, launched an attack in the Petsamo region, which was preceded by tanks. The attack was repulsed.

Fresh Red Army troops are reported to be gathering in the Salla region in an attempt to relieve the division which has been cut off.

In the Karelian Isthmus the Finnish troops have regained some territory.—Reuter.



DANES SEIZE THREE NAZI FIGHTERS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Copenhagen, To-day.

The Danish authorities have seized a German Messerschmidt fighter which made a forced landing in a field near the city of Toender, Jutland, and interned the pilot.

The plane is a long-range fighter and is armed with two machineguns. This is the third German fighter to make a forced descent in Denmark in two days. Yesterday, two went down, one as the result, it is believed, of a clash with British bombers over the North Sea.

In this instance, before surrendering to the Danish police, the pilot drew his revolver and fired into the petrol tank, setting the machine on fire.—Havas.

WINDHUK COMPELLED TO DISGORGE

Santos (Brazil), To-day.

The Nazi steamer Windhuk, which has been the object of several claims by Allied firms which have cargo on board, will unload British-owned wool from her holds.

At the same time a South African mining company has also sent documents for the purpose of obtaining the release of 1,500 tons of chrome ore carried by the Windhuk.

Three days' passengers who have been on board the steamer since the outbreak of war have been disembarked and taken to Sao Paulo.—Reuter.

TRADING WITH THE ENEMY IN FAR EAST

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

The names of several neutral firms in China openly or secretly trading with Germany, are figuring, or will shortly figure, on the British "black list."

Such firms are at present endeavouring to form new business connections. They are especially interested in the South American markets.

At the same time they are trying to act as commission agents for purchasing or shipping Chinese goods on American account.

These developments are likely highly to influence the situation of the Chinese export market since such firms are naturally offering the most suitable conditions.

ONLY DIRECT LINK

They hope for co-operation with Japanese enterprises since the only direct link existing between China and the east coast of South America is formed by Japanese liners.

At the same time, German firms have also tried to act as representatives of American firms but in many cases some of the German firms, which represented here American concerns before the war have lost these representations as the result of war laws prohibiting British and French purchasers from dealing with enemy firms.

Some of the German firms have also found "American companies," thus camouflaging the original ownership to enable British and French firms to deal with them.—Havas.

C. IN C. AT G.H.Q.

London, To-day.

General McNair, the commander-in-chief of the British expeditionary force, visited G.H.Q. in France yesterday, accompanied by members of his staff.—Reuter.



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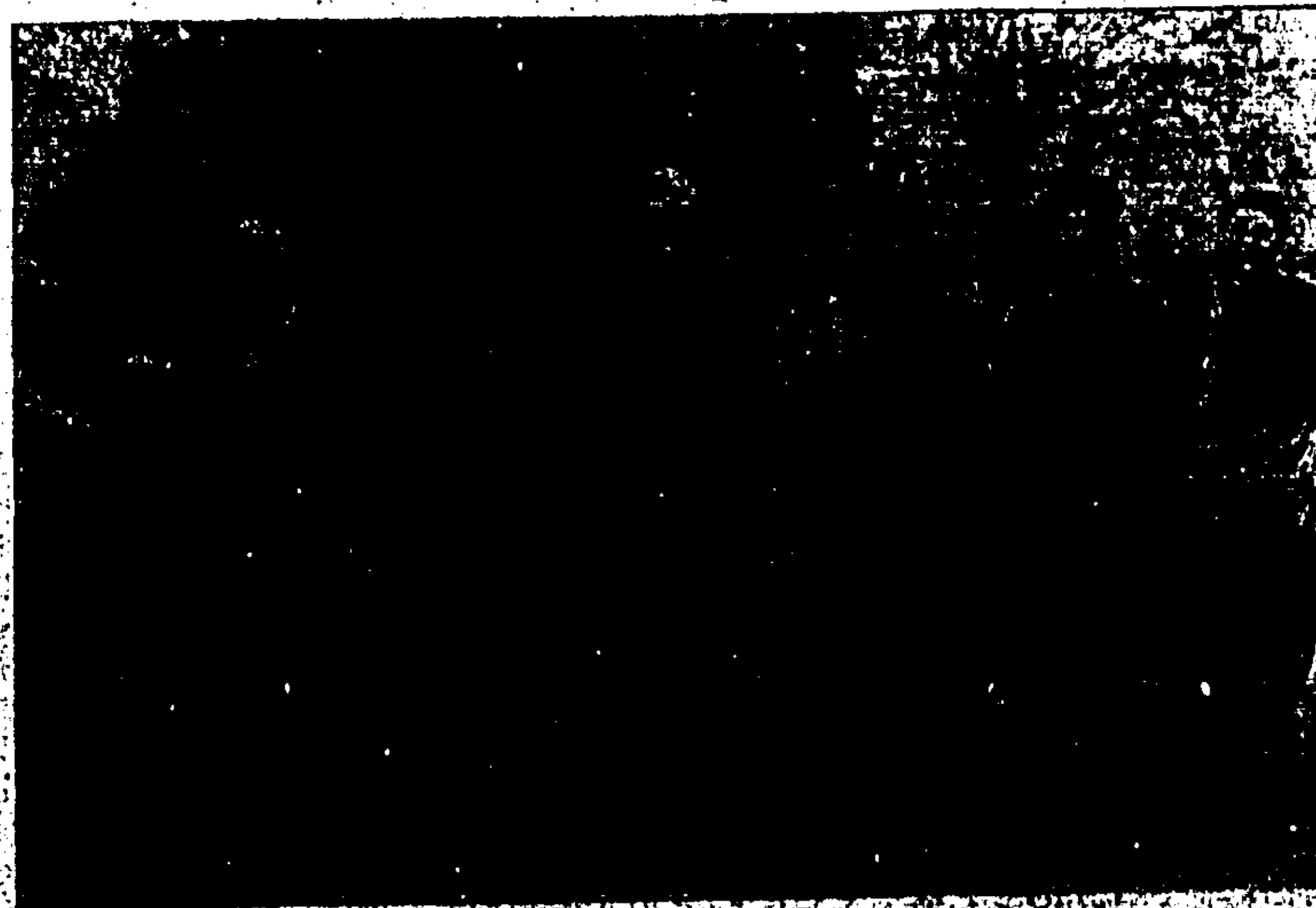
ALHAMBRA



Mrs. Percy Chen and friend snapped at the Agricultural Show.



His Excellency the Governor and Mr. J. E. Joseph, donor of the New Territories Agricultural Association headquarters at Fanling, taken at the annual Show.



Folkstone Post Office evidently believes that one man is equal to two women. They could not get enough men to help deliver the letters and parcels for the Xmas rush so they engaged a number of women—every two of whom will do one man's work. Photo shows Folkstone postwomen sitting up on their rounds. (Copyright Fox)

Sweden's Obligations

KING GUSTAV ON AID TO BE GIVEN FINLAND

London, To-day.

HELP FOR FINLAND continues to arrive from all quarters, and the three Scandinavian countries continue to show their determination to help Finland actively against the Soviet.

Sweden is conscious of her obligation to give the Finnish people all the material and humanitarian help she can, said King Gustav at the opening of Parliament yesterday morning.

The Swedish people have shown their willingness to make sacrifices, he said. They are now strong and united; their will to help Finland has been unmistakably expressed. The security of the country now comes to the forefront and social reforms must be postponed in favour of defence.

The 1940-41 Swedish budget is £41,000,000 and the Swedish Government will establish a spe-

cial military budget to allocate expenditure.

In Norway, the people are taking great interest in preparations for the development of civil defence against air-raids. Nearly £28,000, has been collected for the Finnish relief fund.

In Denmark, a Prince who is a nephew of the late Queen Alexandra has offered his services to Finland. He has seen active service during the past ten years in the French Foreign Legion in Morocco.

From Helsinki comes news that the first detachment of Italian volunteers has arrived. The detachment will be known as the Garibaldi Legion. — Reuter.

AMERICAN AID RESERVATION

Washington, To-day.

Mr. Hamilton Fish is proposing that £4,000,000 be spent for Finnish relief purposes.

The resolution he is putting forward provides that the money must be spent for the purchase and transport of food and clothing and not for armaments. — Reuter.

CHINESE SUCCESSES

Shushui, Kiangsi, To-day.

After 48 hours' fighting, Chinese troops yesterday morning recaptured Mahweiling on the Nanchang-Kiukiang Railway, 23 miles south of Kiukiang, and Chiutsin on the north bank of the Siu River to the south-west of Mahweiling.

They are pressing toward Tehan. The railway between Kiukiang and Tehan has been severely damaged. — Central News.

CHINESE ATTACK ON PAOTOW SPLENDIDLY EXECUTED

Chungking, To-day.

A DETAILED STORY of the Chinese attack on Paotow just received here from Suiyuan reveals that the Chinese offensive aimed at the capture of the town for the purpose of frustrating any Japanese attempt to advance further west after the freezing of the Yellow River.

An unusual aspect of the campaign is that due to lack of communication facilities on the Mongolian plains, the Chinese military headquarters in west Suiyuan only learned that Chinese troops were attacking Paotow through the interception of a Japanese military wireless message from Paotow, sent on the morning of Dec. 18 and requesting reinforcements.

A letter from Shanpah, in west Suiyuan, dated December 21, states that the Chinese forces, under the personal command of General Fu Tsoyi, Chairman of the Suiyuan Government, started the attack on December 12 in several columns.

Before the Chinese attacked, it is stated, a squadron of Chinese aircraft heavily bombed the Paotow-Suiyuan railway and the Japanese barracks east of Paotow.

While Chinese regular troops delivered the main attack, the letter adds, they were supported by guerrilla units, who harassed the Japanese from the rear.

THREE COLUMNS

The first Chinese column began to move eastward on December 12 from west Suiyuan towards Paotow.

A second column attacked Sakai from southern Suiyuan.

A third column cut the railway to

the north-west of Tatung, in northern Shanai, from eastern Suiyuan.

Chinese troops on the Chahar border also approached the railway line near Kalgan.

Moslem troops sent a cavalry unit to the Mongolian grassland north of Paotow to protect the Chinese flank.

LONG DETOUR

To ensure secrecy the Chinese troops took a detour of 300 kilometres through Mongolian territory, carrying only necessities. There were no tents or houses to shelter the troops on their forced march across the Mongolian grassland.

The force carried no field kit-chens, each soldier bringing a few cakes or large pancakes.

Little water was found en route, while army bottles were useless in a temperature of 30 degrees below zero, so that the soldiers often averaged only one drink in 24 hours. — Reuter.

FRENCH CONTRABAND CONTROL

Paris, To-day.

The French Contraband Control intercepted 12,000 tons of contraband in the week ending January 7.

This brings the total intercepted since the outbreak of war to 439,000 tons. — Reuter.

SALE IN H.K. OF CHINA WAR BONDS

After a suspension of about three weeks, the sale of China National Economic Savings Certificates in the Colony by different Chinese banks and departmental stores was resumed to-day.

Mr. H. R. Butters, acting-Financial Secretary, told the "China Mail" this morning that permission to continue the sale of the Certificates in the Colony has again been granted by the Government.

GERMANY'S LOSS OF TRADE

Washington, To-day.

Germany's trade with the United States has shown a considerable decrease as a result of the Allied blockade.

The Department of Commerce yesterday issued figures which show that German exports to the United States in November, 1939, totalled two-thirds of a million Pounds, as compared with £1,750,000 in November 1938.

During the same month, German imports from the United States were only £750, as compared with over £10,000 in October and £2,000,000 in November, 1938. — Reuter.

RED CROSS STORES RELEASED FROM MOORMACSUN

London, To-day.

The Ministry of Economic Warfare states: "Twenty-five cases and four bales of Red Cross and relief goods for Finland have been released from the American steamer Moormacsun, at present detained at the contraband control base at Kirkwall. These goods will be transhipped as soon as possible." — British Wireless.

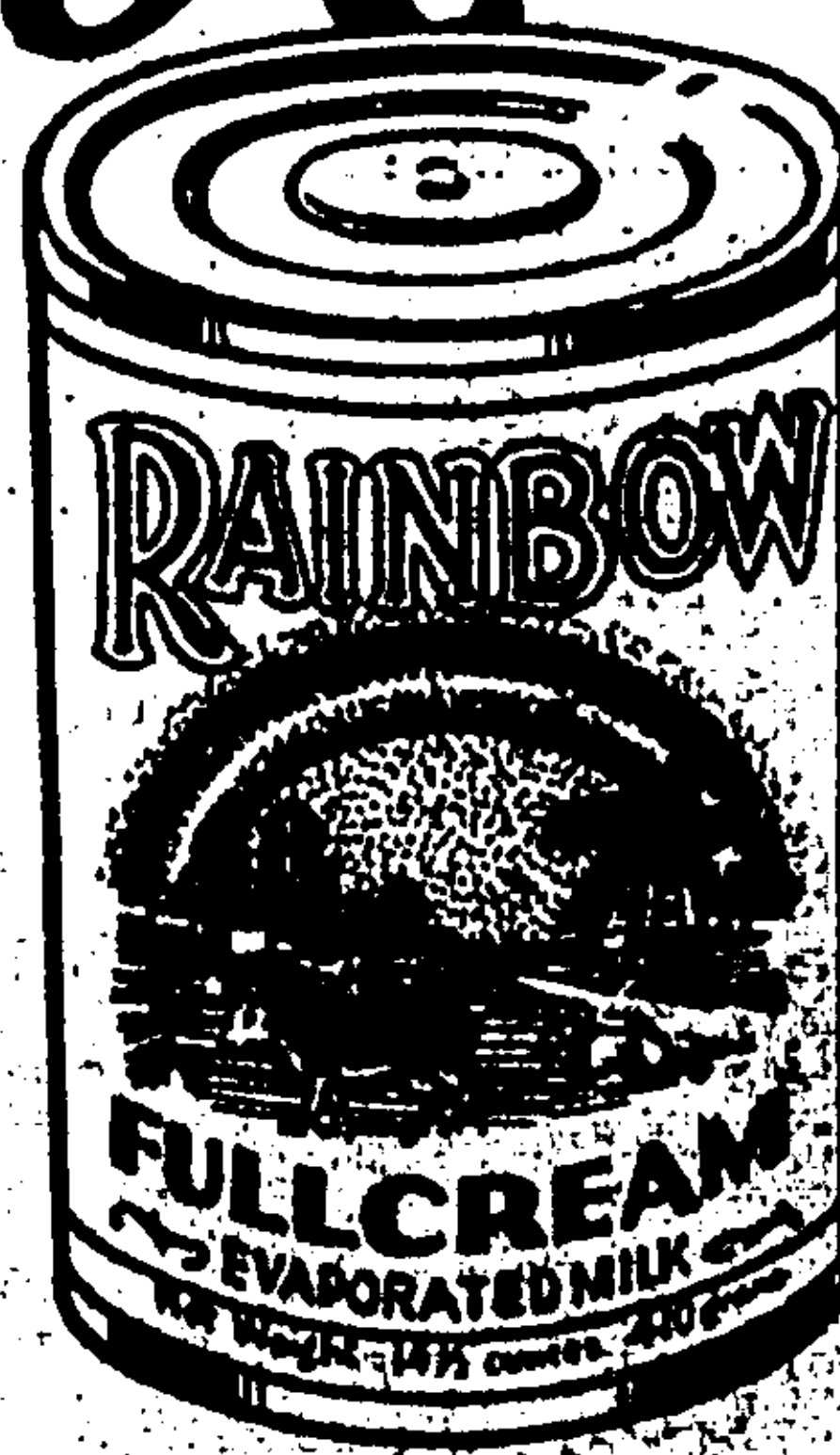
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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

SORTIE FROM THE SIEGE

From this siege-warfare in the West, with its suggestion of stalemate, one side or both is bound to consider the chances of an escape, as the New Year runs on. One escape would be to patch up a peace. Failing that, the escape must be a sortie from the siege. Are there other fields, as yet unencumbered by fortifications on land or sea, in which a decision might be sought? If the Germans do not themselves irrupt into the Near East, might they not encourage the Russians to do so? To guess is a complicated game, for every move will affect one or more of the greater neutrals in some degree. One cannot be sure what the effect on Stalin's policy will be of the discovery that the Red Army is not noticeably invincible. Will he grow cautious; or will he look for some field, in the Near or Middle East, better suited than the lakes and forests of Finland to its tactics and equipment, designed as these were for a war movement on the featureless plains of Central Europe? But any move that brought the Turks into the war might have on Italian policy effects difficult to foresee. If the Balkans are the field that first suggests itself in this connection, there is still another. There is some reason to suspect that Berlin and Moscow have between them worked out a design to bring the whole of Scandinavia forcibly within their orbit. If a German army were to land in Southern Sweden, while the Russians attacked in the North, it is certain that the Western Powers would give at once all the help in their power. And nothing so surely as an attack on Sweden would lessen the devotion of the American Middle West to a policy of isolation.—"New Statesman and Nation."

THE FINNISH SUCCESSSES

The Russian retreat on two fronts in the north of Finland has for the moment removed the danger that the country would be cut in two and cut off from Sweden. Only a few days ago the threat was real: the Finns after two reverses were retreating from the Arctic coast and above the "waistline." Almost overnight the position is reversed, but whereas the Finns were falling back on prepared defences in orderly fashion, the Russians are retreating hurriedly and in some confusion. The Finns have described the Russian troops as "putting their heads down and attacking blindly," and the Russian tactics have been on the same lines. Above the "waistline" the Soviet troops have suffered heavily for it; they were surprised on their flank and in two days fighting have been driven back twenty miles and more. The retreat on the Arctic front is more surprising because it is as yet unexplained. The reason, however, may be that supply could not keep pace even with the moderate advances of the Red Army. The one railway from Leningrad to Murmansk, which is distant as much as 150 miles from the Finnish frontier, has to supply all the fronts in Finland except the Karelian Isthmus. This would be a serious obstacle for the most efficient army, which the Russians have never proved itself. The Finnish Government may be right in saying "Cautious optimism is justified."—"Manchester Guardian."

OBEDIENT BUT IMPRACTICAL

The Russians are obedient but impractical. They would fight incompetently even in a good cause. The Germans, on the other hand, are docile but efficient, and they will fight magnificently even for evil things.

Such mindless obedience has its strength, and when directed by unscrupulous masters it can do great damage to the world. But to-day it is faced by the power of people who have been brought up in liberty—people who think for themselves, and make their choices freely, and discipline themselves in the causes they know are good.

Our ways are more supple and more effective. Our Parliament has proved its worth in many ways since the war began, while the Reichstag has merely continued its hysterical poltroonery. Our people have shouldered the burdens of war of their own free will, and they will bear them to the end because they know the road along which they travel.

There may be an unknown warrior in our ranks. There will never be an unknown slave.—"Evening News."

IN THE RESULT

The Empire has shown an increasing sense, ever since the outbreak of hostilities, of how deeply its interests are involved in the result. Friendship for the Mother Country was, doubtless, a primary motive for coming to her side. But the course of the conflict has brought it closer home daily to each Dominion how vital the essential issue is to itself. If Germany were to win, their reason asks them, what would be their own future position in the international balance? What chance would they have of upholding their rights against a Power as ruthless as it was supreme? General Smuts points out that no nation of the size of South Africa would be able to safeguard its own freedom. And, since the world's distances are diminishing daily for every practical purpose, the remotest countries would ere long be under the same shivering apprehension as afflicts so many of the minor peoples of Europe.—"The Observer."

CENTRAL CONTROL URGED

So much for the machinery of rationing, which is indispensable to modern warfare, and will be cheerfully accepted as the contribution that consumers can make towards an early victory. But rationing itself has also to be considered as one of the economic instruments with which the war is being fought. The main reason, as Mr. Morrison explained for the introduction of rationing is to enable our resources in foreign exchange and in shipping to be employed wherever they can best contribute to the war effort. Rationing is no indication of any success in the enemy's campaign to starve us out. On the contrary, this campaign, on which he is reported to have founded great hopes, is clearly failing and will certainly fail. But the institution of a rationing system furnishes new arguments for the establishment of effective central control of the nation's economic effort, so that the resources which it sets free may be used according to a consistent plan unimpeded by a tug-of-war between conflicting claims. For rationing is a consequence not of an indiscriminate pursuit of economy but of the desire to ensure the most efficient use of the nation's resources.—"The Times."

PATRIOTIC DOWN TO THE PANTIES!

These slick little pants, beautifully embroidered with the "Washing on the Siegfried Line" and the slogan, "England Expects," might come in the category of "impropaganda," but as a gift for any lingerie drawer they're certain of a rapturous welcome. Advt. in Birmingham Post.

GOERING'S AIR SQUADS OUT IN FULL FORCE

London, To-day.

YESTERDAY'S VISITATIONS of German aircraft were on a scale unprecedented since the beginning of the war, but it is not known how many planes took part as they turned out to sea immediately they were challenged.

Anti-aircraft guns were in action in the Firth of Tay, Firth of Forth, South Shields, the Humber, the Suffolk coast and the Thames Estuary.

After they were driven off, these or other German machines turned their attention to the bombing and machine-gunning of shipping, but no ships were sunk and casualties were few.

One raider attacking a trawler was engaged by an R.A.F. fighter and a running fight followed, the fighter chasing the German for 40 miles. When last seen, one of the Nazi machine's propellers appeared to be falling and smoke was seen issuing from the port wing.

ITALIAN SHIP SUNK

An Aberdeen trawler was rescued by other R.A.F. fighters from the attention of two Nazi planes, and yet another trawler was slightly damaged by bombs when assisting in the rescue of the survivors of an Italian ship blown up by a mine.

A motor-lifeboat, which had 30 survivors on board, eventually towed the trawler into harbour.

The German attacker dropped four bombs and machine-gunned the trawler. The skipper was wounded.

One other ship was the victim of German mines.

EL OSO BLOWN UP

This was the 7,000-ton tanker, El Oso, which blew up when she struck a mine off the west coast. Three of her crew of 38 were drowned and eight were injured by the explosion.

The 1,500-ton steamer, Leonard Pearce, was sunk in convoy as the result of a collision while nearing the British coast. Her crew were rescued from her lifeboats by other craft in the convoy. — Reuter.

CROWDS WITNESS DISASTER

London, To-day.

A steamer, believed to be Italian, struck a mine off an East Coast town yesterday, and crowds on the promenade saw the vessel burst into flames.

The lifeboat rescued the crew of 30 and the English pilot. — Reuter.

OFF EAST COAST OF SCOTLAND

London, To-day.

Two German bombers yesterday made an unsuccessful attempt to sink a trawler off the east coast of Scotland.

The Nazi planes flew low machine-gunning the vessel and also dropped a few bombs, but scored no direct hits, though slight damage was done by splinters and bullets.

Upon the approach of British fighting planes the Germans flew out to sea, and the trawler returned to port. — Reuter.

NO BOMBS DROPPED

London, To-day.

In bright winter sunshine German aircraft yesterday made the most extensive visitation to Britain since the beginning of the war.

They passed the coast at points from Scotland to South-East England.

No reports have been received of bombs being dropped anywhere, but crowds at several places watched shrapnel from a heavy bombardment by anti-aircraft defences bursting high in the air.

In several places they also saw

LLOYDS COMMITTEE RESIGNS

London, To-day.

Lloyds Underwriters have been unable to persuade the rating committee to reconsider their decision to resign.

Consequently, it is understood, the committee will continue to confine itself to a purely advisory capacity.

Meanwhile the advisory schedule is proving a useful guide, and in response to many requests an amendment to the war risk insurance rates may shortly be issued. — Reuter.

British fighters ascend and pursue the raiders out to sea. — Reuter.

SPITFIRES IN ACTION OFF NORFOLK COAST

London, To-day.

Three Royal Air Force fighter aircraft saved three British cargo ships from damage by a German raider in the North Sea yesterday morning.

After a running fight the raider was last seen with smoke pouring from one wing and his port engine disabled.

Three pilots, all sergeants, were on patrol off the Norfolk coast in their Spitfire fighters when they sighted a Heinkel bomber circling 50 feet above the ships.

As soon as the enemy spotted the fighters he hurriedly dropped a salvo of bombs, missing the ships, and fled eastward.

The Spitfires, diving thousands of feet, chased the Heinkel for forty miles out to sea.

Each fighter in turn fired bursts as the enemy skimmed almost at sea level.

One British pilot, swerving round from the attack, could see the bullets of another Spitfire hitting the Heinkel.

When the enemy was last seen the propeller of the port engine was turning slowly and smoke was coming from the port wing. — British Wireless.

PUPPET MAGISTRATE SHOT DEAD

Shanghai, To-day.

The "puppet" magistrate of Wushih District, Mr. Young Shu-tung, was fatally shot on Tuesday afternoon in Wushih. — Our Own Correspondent.

BUSINESS AT STANDSTILL IN CANTON

Canton, To-day.

Chinese business throughout the city yesterday was brought to a standstill owing to the refusal of shopkeepers, tradesmen and restaurants to accept Kwangtung currency, while National currency was discounted at 60 per cent. compared with the military yen.

Adding to the confusion, money-changers refused to change Kwangtung and National notes into yen.

Unless immediate drastic action is taken by the authorities it appears that the Chinese population will soon be in a desperate plight, without means for purchasing rice and other necessities. — Reuter.

FACTS ON MOSCOW

London, To-day.

The full story of the Anglo-Franco-Soviet talks last year will soon be available. A Government White Paper is expected to be issued soon after Parliament meets next Tuesday.

Sir William Seeds, British Ambassador to Moscow, who arrived on leave on Wednesday night, called at the Foreign Office yesterday morning. — Reuter.

CHUNGKING DENIES ANY LINK WITH WANG

Chungking, To-day.

An emphatic denial of reports alleging that Wang Ching-wei had reached an understanding with the Chinese Government in Chungking concerning his plans for the proposed new central China regime, was voiced by the Foreign Office spokesman at a press conference yesterday afternoon.

The spokesman emphasised that the Chinese Government had no connections with any puppet regime, de facto or de jure. — Reuter.

PRINCE FERDINAND VOLUNTEERS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Helsinki, To-day.

Prince Ferdinand of Liechtenstein arrived here yesterday as a volunteer with the Finnish Army.

He joins his regiment to-day. — Havas.

PADEREWSKI ARRIVES IN FRANCE

Paris, To-day...

M. Paderewski, the famous pianist, who is First Member of the Polish Council of State, arrived at Angers, the Polish Government headquarters in France yesterday from Switzerland. — Reuter.

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NAZI MESSERSCHMIDT PILOTS FIGHT SHY

THRILLING CHASE OF NAZI PLANE

London, To-day.

East Coast patrols sighted a German monoplane yesterday and the British aircraft immediately pursued and overhauled and when close enough opened fire with the front gun.

The German manoeuvred as if trying to escape but received more punishment as the British pilot pressed home the attack from below.

During the second encounter the German bomber's rear gun was silenced and her retractable undercarriage, which was drawn up in flying position, seen to be dropping down. The impact of the bullets had apparently smashed the release mechanism.

While the front gunner of the British aircraft was reloading, the German dived almost to the surface of the sea and the British pilot dropped two heavy bombs, which exploded behind the enemy tail.

The German climbed sharply to 400 feet as if to evade repetition of this kind of attack.

As he passed the British aircraft its side guns fired continuously.

It appeared that one of its guns jammed and the hydraulic mechanism of the turret was so deranged by accurate fire that it was impossible to train the only other serviceable gun.

Realising his hopeless position the German pilot avoided further combat and vanished into the clouds.—British Wireless.

HEROISM OF MERCANTILE MARINE

London, To-day.

The "Yorkshire Post and Leeds Mercury" pays an editorial tribute to the heroism of our merchant seamen.

"These men of the Merchant Fleet follow a tradition as courageous and enduring as that of the fighting Services.

"It is a tradition upon which we depend for our very lives in wartime and we know we shall never depend upon it vainly.

"It shines bravely in the calm discipline with which the crew of the Dunbar Castle on Tuesday ensured that their passengers reached safety before they gave a thought to their own lives.

"It flowed in the surging response made by fishermen to the call for volunteers for the hazardous task of fighting magnetic mines.

"It reveals itself movingly in the rescue work carried out day by day by life-boatmen." — British Wireless.

DUG UP A DEAD PIG

A fine of \$100 or two months' hard labour was imposed on Li Ping, 26, Lam Siu, 27, and Chen Cheung, 54, by Mr. E. Himsforth this morning for possession of an unwholesome pig. Sanitary Inspector Foster identified the pig as one which the Sanitary Department buried on a hill in Kowloon City.

Apparently one of the accused saw the burial and got the others to help him dig it out.

AIR GUNNER'S STORY OF NORTH SEA COMBAT

London, To-day.

THE NAZI MESSERSCHMIDT fighters, though armed with cannon as well as machineguns, appeared anxious to keep out of the British gunners' range in Wednesday's big air battle over the North Sea, further details of which are now available.

"I thought there were only two of them," said one British air gunner. "They attacked alternately and then we saw others waiting above.

"Soon things became busy, and we came down from 5,000 feet almost to sea level so that they were unable to get beneath us.

"The fighters attacked in a shallow dive, firing their cannon and machineguns from a distance of 600 yards, but seldom closing nearer than 200 yards.

"They seemed to be anxious to get out of range of our guns, and usually turned when we opened fire.

"As they climbed they showed us their bellies, and our tracers seemed to be going straight into them. Some of the enemy planes must have gone home heavier than when they set out.

"Some of our chaps fired 500 rounds during the action, and they didn't all miss.

"The engagement continued some 25 minutes, each Nazi fighter making eight to 10 attacks." — Reuter.

LATEST TYPE PLANES

London, To-day.

The official German news agency admits that the German fighter machines which took part in the thrilling air battle over the North Sea were the latest type, the ME-110, or "Destroyer" planes.

Semi-official circles in London point out that the fact that the British bombers got the better of them tells its own story of the pluck and skill of the R.A.F. pilots.—Reuter.

ALLIED HELP FOR FINLAND

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

French diplomatic circles have replied to Nazi propaganda allegations that the Allies are endeavouring to extend the field of hostilities.

They point out that Allied help for Finland is strictly in accordance with the League Covenant.

As regards the Nazi allegation that the Allies want to extend the war to the Near and Middle East, the same quarters merely point out the constant solidarity and pacific policy of the four signatories of the Saad Abad Pact, namely, Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan and Turkey. — Havas.

SNATCH-AND-RUN ON SPORTS FIELD

An odd job coolie, Chiu Chung, 17, was fined \$20 by Mr. R. Edwards this morning, for the theft of a jacket belonging to W. Sproul, of the Royal Signals.

Defendant took the jacket from a goal post in Happy Valley and started running. He was caught after a long chase.

ARTILLERY ACTIVE AT THE FRONT

Paris, To-day.

Last night's French war communiqué said there was increased artillery activity on either side, and also a fair amount of activity on the part of both forces.

An enemy reconnoitring plane was brought down within the French lines.—Reuter.

GERMAN PLANES OVER BELGIUM

BRUSSELS, TO-DAY.

IT IS ANNOUNCED THAT GERMAN AEROPLANES FLEW OVER BELGIUM YESTERDAY AT MANY POINTS.

Belgian patrols gave chase and anti-aircraft guns came into action at Ghent, Brussels, Hasselt, Liege and elsewhere.

The Belgian Government has decided to protest to Germany. — Reuter.

*** This is Belgian's second protest in a week.

H.M.S. AJAX IN RIO

RIO DE JANEIRO, TO-DAY.

A LARGE CROWD THRONGED THE RIO DOCKS AND CHEERED WARMLY WHEN THE BRITISH CRUISER AJAX, FLYING THE FLAG OF REAR-ADMIRAL SIR HENRY HARWOOD, VICTOR OVER THE ADMIRAL GRAF SPEE, ENTERED THE HARBOUR YESTERDAY FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE BATTLE OF THE SOUTH ATLANTIC.

Mobbed by newspapermen, Admiral Harwood gave a vivid description of the fight against the Nazi pocket-battleship.

A Ball was given last night for the crew by the British colony.—Reuter.

RHODESIA'S OFFER TO BRITAIN

LONDON, TO-DAY.

CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN MR. ANTHONY EDEN, SECRETARY FOR DOMINIONS, AND MR. R. C. TREDGOLD, RHODESIAN MINISTER OF DEFENCE, WHO ARRIVED IN LONDON ON WEDNESDAY, HAVE BEGUN AT THE DOMINIONS OFFICE.

It is understood that they are working out details of the destinations of Rhodesia's volunteers.

Well-informed circles greatly appreciate South Rhodesia's war effort, particularly the offer providing the personnel for three Air Force squadrons on any war front.

It is understood that Britain has accepted the offer.—Reuter.

EATING DOG

Mr. R. Edwards this morning imposed a fine of \$30 on Au Siu-leung, 30, who was charged with keeping an unlicensed eating house at Wing Kut Street.

Five persons were found eating dogs' flesh when the premises were visited.

Kwong Sun charged with a similar offence, was similarly fined.



British sailors in French harbour for the sailors with a parade. (Copyright, Fox)

News Snack Bar

B.E.F. FIGHTING "RED INDIAN" WAR IN THE MUD

BRITISH TROOPS holding outposts of the Maginot Line are fighting a grim "Red Indian" war under appalling weather conditions. Men returning from forward positions out in the wide, lonely No-Man's-Land are turned into statues of mud.

Their overcoats, battle dress, and gum boots are caked solid. Their coats, indeed, become so stiff that they can take them off and stand them upright.

"For some days my little lot lived standing up in a shallow hole dug in deep mud," a still cheerful sergeant-major from Leeds declared.



A postwoman employed for the Xmas rush. (Copyright, Fox).

"There was nowhere we could lie down. We just leaned against the mud earthworks in front—when we weren't on sentry—and dozed.

"I think the young ones have taken it even better than the old reservists who have just come out of civil life and are not hardened yet.

"But most of our lads are pretty tough North Countrymen, and are sticking it wonderfully."

LIKE GHOSTS

These men in the outposts are having almost as dangerous and tense an experience during the long winter nights as the patrols who creep through the darkness.

At any moment a group of Germans, advancing silently like ghosts, attack them.

One little incident, related nonchalantly by a good-humoured platoon sergeant from Dublin—he bears quite a resemblance to another Irishman in the B.E.F., Lord Gort, the Commander-in-Chief—showed starkly how life hangs sometimes by a thread. With other men he was in a forward position during the night.

"Our job was to keep contact with the Germans in case they started anything, to observe rather than to fight," he said.

"Suddenly there was a flash in front of us and an explosion. Someone had flung a hand grenade over the barbed-wire protection.

LAY STILL

"We lay absolutely still. Then a strong patrol of Germans began walking towards our post. I could see them clearly in the gloom, even count them. They came forward in Indian file.

"I had my finger tight against the trigger of my revolver. If one of us had coughed then, well—the fun would have started. But they passed on, just 10 yards from us."

Every night, at one post or another, there is a similar incident.

Black Cat Plays

War Role

A live black cat is the first animal war hero.

Mitzi, the cat, belongs to a French fighter pilot, and is the only cat to have done twenty-two hours' flying in wartime.

Mitzi flies snuggled inside her master's leather coat, and was with him when he shot down a Nazi plane.

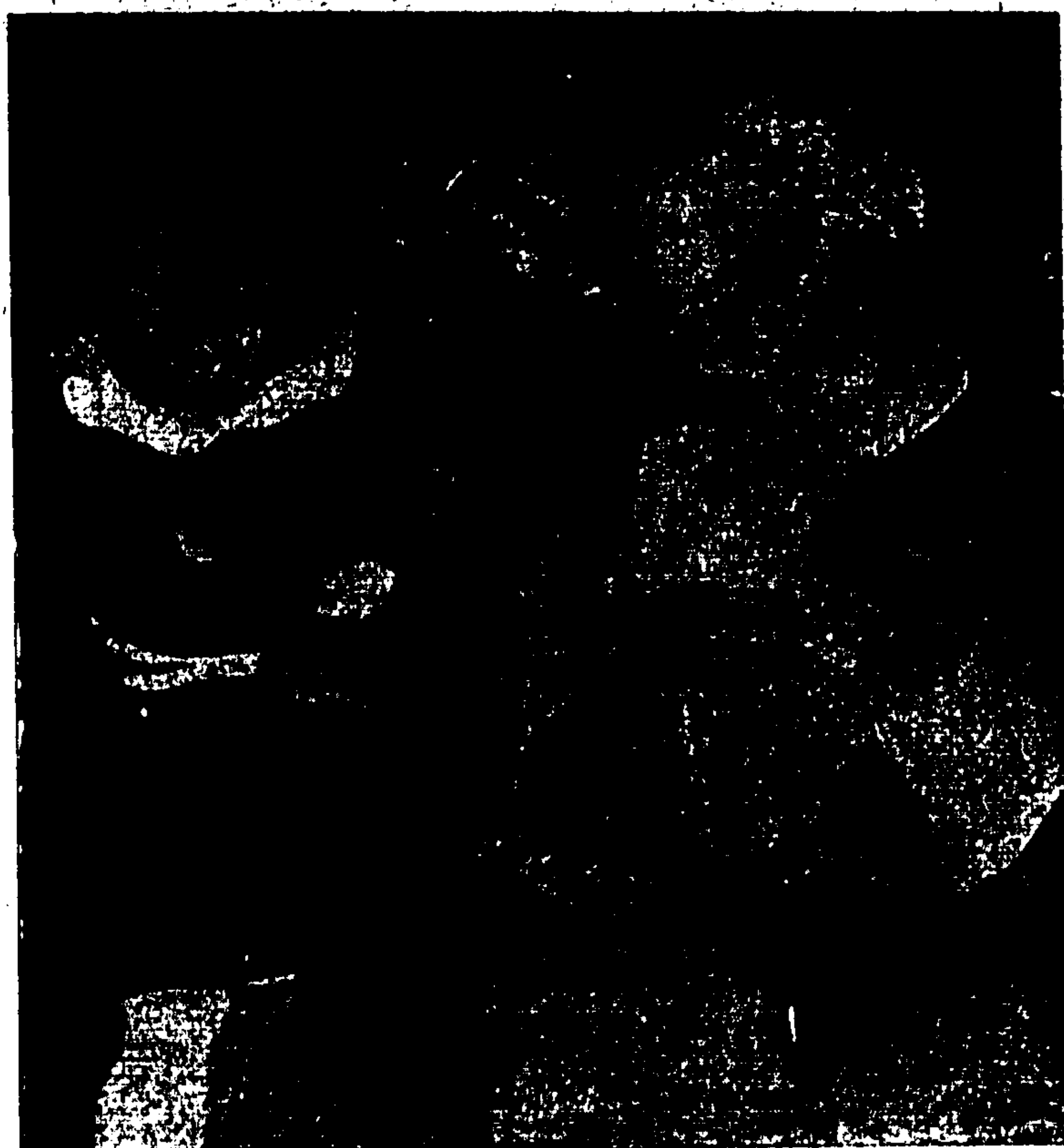
Had Not Undressed

Since War Began

A woman who had not taken off her clothes at night since the war began was the subject of a Nottingham report.

She was Alice Clarkson, seventy-nine, who lived alone. She died after breaking a thigh in a fall.

Her son, Police Sergeant G. Clarkson, said the reason she never undressed was the possibility of a sudden emergency. She was subject to dizziness.



Soldiers of the British Expeditionary Force leaving for the Front after completing their Xmas leave. Goodbye son. A moving picture at the station as Daddy leaves for France. (Copyright, Fox).

"Wishful Thinking" Of Nazi Crack-up

"We have got to abstain for the time being from this wishful thinking that there is going to be a crack-up in the German nation. That may come, but we have no right to assume that it will come."

Lord Provost P. J. Dollan made this statement in an address to the Glasgow City Business Club.

Mr. Dollan said it was believed by many people in Britain that the German people were not to blame for the present war. He could not agree with that view.

"Hitler could not have pursued the policy he has for the last seven years without the whole-hearted support of the majority of the German people."

Woman M.P. To Visit France

Miss Theima Cazalet will be the first woman M.P. to visit France during the war.

She will visit, in her official capacity as Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Education, French people evacuated to safe areas.

Miss Cazalet will go to the principal reception areas in France. She will discuss evacuation problems with the French women.

As she is of French extraction and speaks the language fluently, her task will be simplified.

Coffees All Round — On Adolf

Under the heading, "And Here is Coffee," the Paris "Euvre" suggests that the 4,000 tons of coffee captured this week in the German cargo boat Trifels should be distributed equally among France's 40,000,000 inhabitants.

"Thus each of us would have his little share in the prize," says the newspaper. "Besides, what a great advantage it would be in this war of nerves to have as much coffee as one wishes."

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Italian Army Of 800,000 Sufficient

There are still 868,000 Italians in the Duce's army, which is "sufficient" for the country's defence, it is announced in Rome.

This comment followed an order published on Sunday granting "extraordinary winter leave" to 300,000 soldiers.

Defence is now favoured by snow-falls in the Alps and recent defences in Libya, which made it difficult for any advances in Northern Italy or from territories adjoining Italy's North African possession.

"The situation of our frontiers is assured," a communique stated, according to Associated Press.

Auto-Kisses At 1,200 Per Hour

An automatic kissing machine that kisses 1,200 times per hour started work in Hollywood to-day.

Installed by a cosmetician who supplies lipstick to film companies, it replaces Joseph Roberts and his pretty associate Joan Baker, who were employed as professional kissers.

By kissing, they tested the adherence and other qualities of various kinds of lipstick.

But their kissing was found to vary in pressure, sometimes being above, and sometimes below, normal.

The machine, fitted with two pairs of artificial lips, kisses and kisses, but always with the same pressure.

Mothers Get

B.E.F. Doctors

Many French babies have already been brought into the world by doctors serving with the British Army.

French mothers whose own doctors have been called up, and who have R.A.M.C. sections in their area, are not hesitating to call on the British doctors.

Some proud French fathers are learning at least one English phrase: "It's a boy" or "It's a girl."

The War Office said that the calls on British Army doctors were "an interesting indication of the friendship and co-operation rapidly growing up between the B.E.F. in France and the local civil populations."



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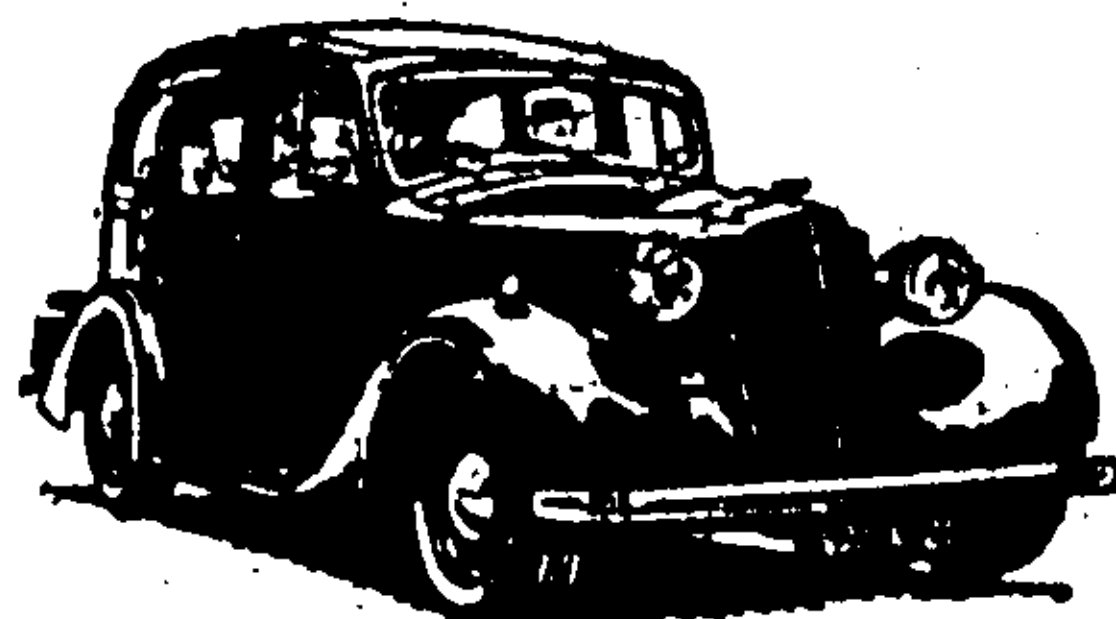
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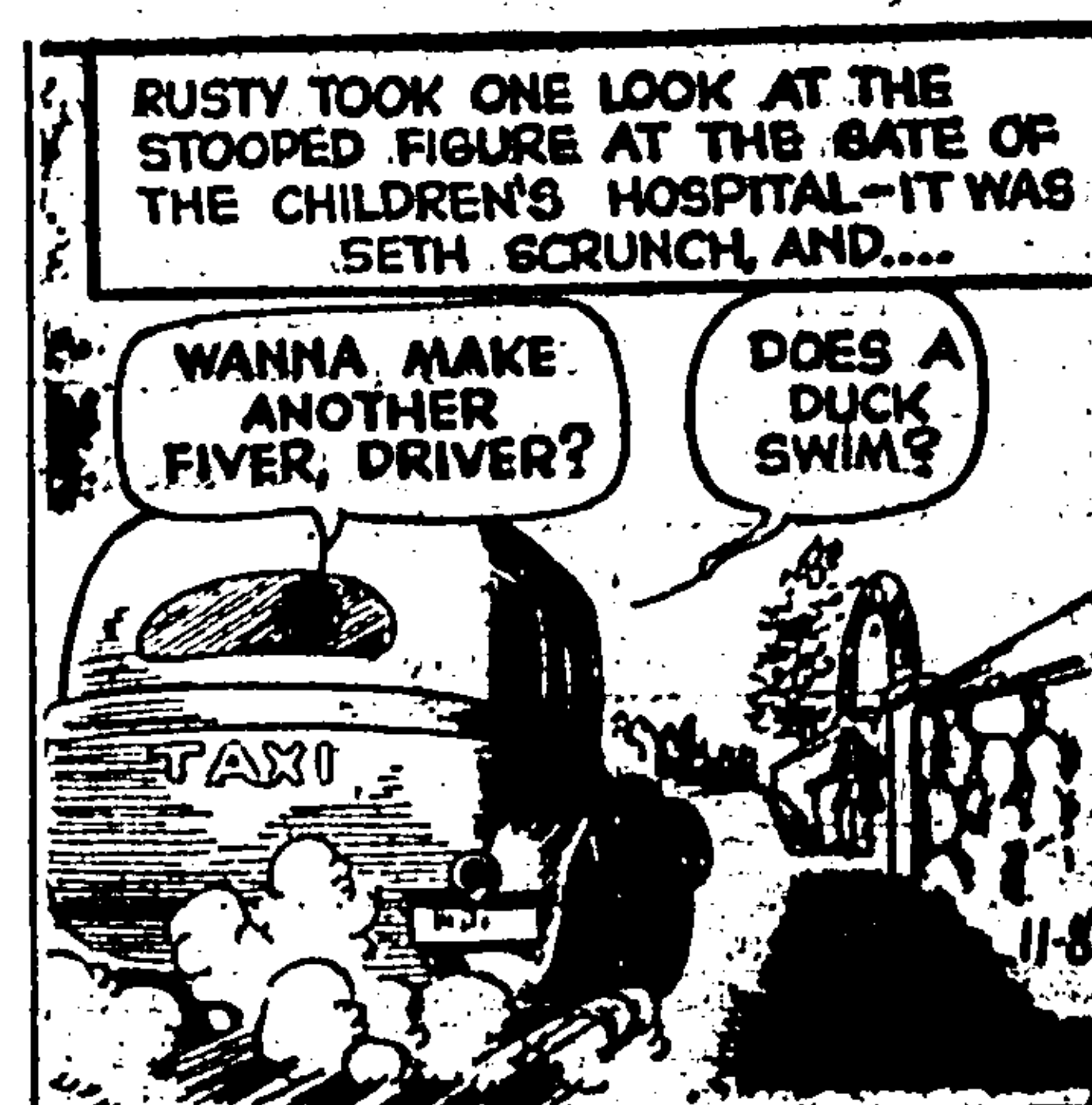
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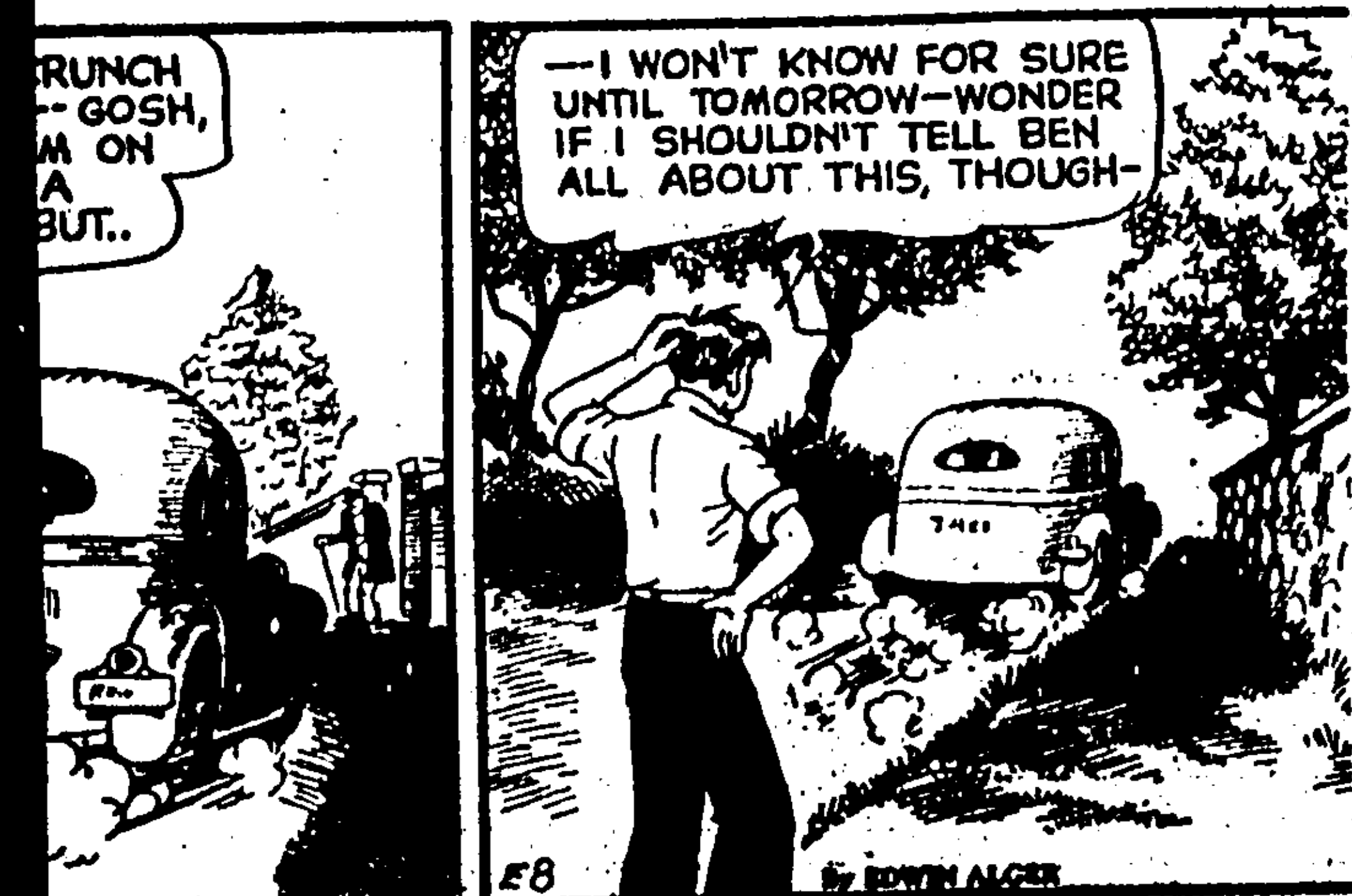
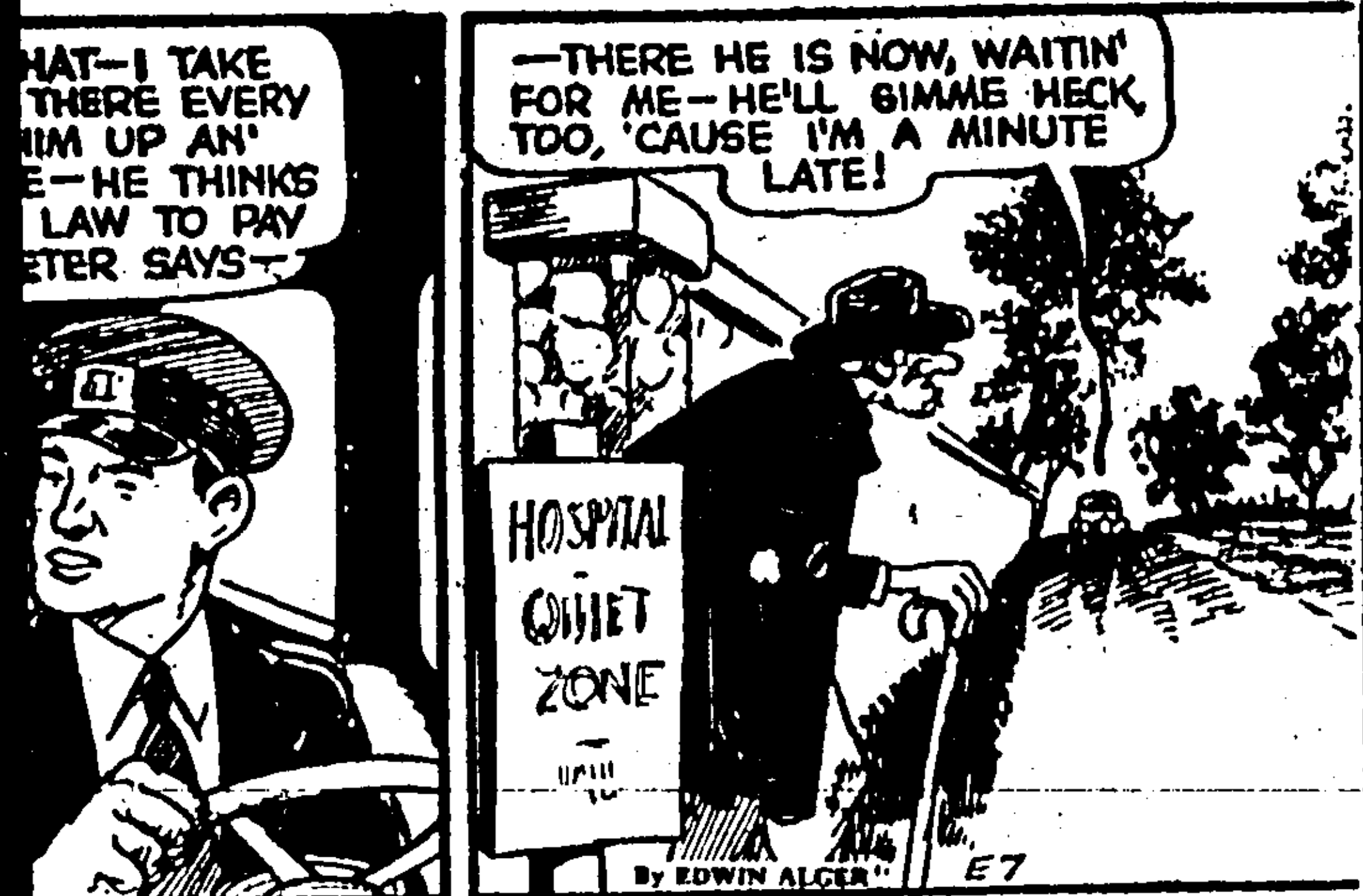
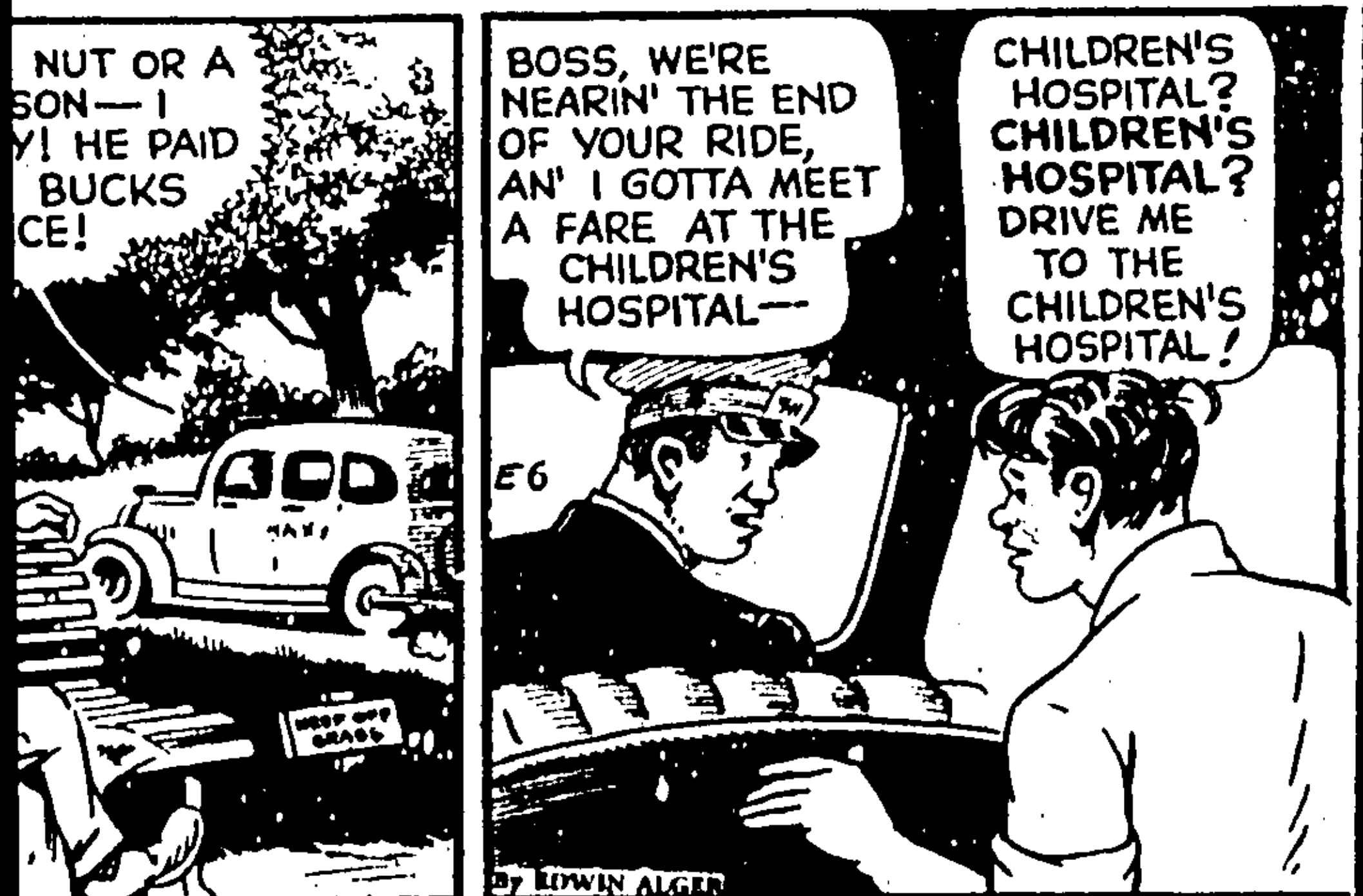
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SHORT STORY

BLACK FOR LUCK

By Leslie Beresford

As Detective-Inspector Haynes reached the house, making for the front-door, he passed a partly-open window. From this something leaped right across his path, so startlingly and so close to him that he stepped back in momentary surprise. Next moment, in a patch of light cast from other windows over a small lawn, the inspector realised what it was, and laughed softly to himself.

"Big black cat!" he chuckled. "Should be lucky for me, if there's any truth in the old saying."

He watched it go streaking away into the darkness, fast as though all the dogs in the world were after it. Then he turned his mind to the more serious matter which had brought him here from the station. The house, standing in a well-kept garden of size, had all the air of being occupied by people of comparative affluence and standing. Just the kind of house to be visited in the dark hours by members of the light-fingered fraternity.

Before knocking, he looked over the outside of the place, as though taking his bearings. He even went back for a moment to that partly-open window, throwing light from an electric torch on it, and on as much of the interior as was visible. From the sill he picked up something, which he studied interestedly, and then slipped into a waistcoat pocket.

The front-door was opened to him very promptly by a young maid, in whose pretty face were a pair of big, rather frightened-looking eyes. As he gave his name, her agitation became the more pronounced. She said weakly:

"Will you please come right in . . . And then, very desperately: 'It wasn't anything to do with me, sir, that I do swear.'"

Before he could comment on that remark, she had flung open a door and announced him. Haynes found himself in a largish room, two of the walls being lined with books. A card-table had recently been in use, though nobody was near it now.

The six occupants of the room were grouped round the hearth, in which a fire burned. The inspector knew some of them. Especially grey-haired Colonel Markham, who had lived here since retiring from the Indian Army some six years since.

"Evening, sir . . ." The inspector addressed him briskly. "I understand you've had a burglary."

The colonel gestured in an embarrassed way, distress obvious in his kindly, paternal manner.

"Well, inspector, that's the natural conclusion, of course."

He hesitated, seemed to be searching for the right explanation. Then said:

"The trouble is, inspector, that—strangely enough—we can trace no sign of the place having been forcibly entered, and nobody has been heard, let alone seen about the house. Meantime a pendant—a highly valuable black, pear-shaped pearl, attached to a platinum chain—belonging to my wife here, has disappeared from her bedroom into thin air."

"And that couldn't possibly happen, sir, without some sort of human assistance," the inspector remarked cheerily, as much to the others in the room as to the colonel.

The last, as a matter of form, presented his guests. First, a blonde woman of middle-age, a Mrs. Worth, described by him as an old and very dear friend of his wife. A tall and grave man was one of the local doctors, whom in fact Haynes knew well by sight and reputation. A young married couple, named Phayre, were apparently relatives of the colonel, staying here on a visit.

The colonel then explained that the black pearl pendant was usually kept at the local bank. It had been brought from there the day before, to be worn by his wife at an important civic affair. Although it should rightly have been returned to the bank, he was very sure, it had been overlooked, being somewhere near the door of the bedroom of his wife.

It had quite suddenly disappeared from her dressing-table, where she had been

showing it to young Mrs. Phayre and Mrs. Worth, the latter remarking that it was too valuable to be left in a bedroom. In fact, recollecting this only half-an-hour or so since, the colonel's wife had gone up to bring down the pendant and its case, so that her husband might lock it away till the bank opened next day.

"And here—" rather dramatically, the colonel held out the empty case—"here, inspector, is what my wife found. The pendant was missing."

The Inspector silently considered the case, which in his mind was not confined merely to that empty shell of leather, velvet and silk. Nor was he looking at that, though nobody could have said exactly at what, or whom, his eyes gazed in their absorbed manner.

At this moment, contrasting with his almost stupidly phlegmatic absorption, the atmosphere was electric. One sensed, even violently, an undercurrent of universal suspicion, alternated by personal indignation, dominating each person, not even excluding host and hostess. It was just as if all, like the little maid earlier out in the hall, protested an injured innocence, while shadowing everyone else with suspicion.

The inspector eventually broke a tense silence, addressing the colonel.

"You say, sir, there's no sign of anyone having broken in," he remarked, and smiled. "Well, maybe I'd prove the best judge of that, seeing that it's my profession to use my eyes to advantage. I'd better go upstairs, and have a look round, if you don't mind showing me."

Some little time elapsed before they returned. By then, the inspector had made a very thorough examination, having searched minutely for possible clues on the staircase, as well as around the ground-floor hall and passages, until in the final process he came on that partly-open window he had earlier noticed from outside.

He was speaking about this when they returned at last to the others in the library. As they came in, the Colonel and he clearly interrupted a heated and not too well-tempered argument, which became hushed when they entered.

"About that open window, colonel," the inspector remarked thoughtfully. "It's quite possible a thief could have entered and left that way, being lucky enough neither to be seen nor heard. Which reminds me. Just as I reached here, a huge black cat jumped out from that window, nearly falling on me in the dark."

"A black cat? Good gracious, inspector . . ." The blonde Mrs. Worth interposed in surprise and some agitation. "Why, that must have been my darling Christine. Really—in all this upheaval—I hadn't even noticed that she was not here. Oh, dear, Oh, dear. I do hope she's safe. The naughty girl. She's never run away from me before, all the times and places I've taken her with me."

"You must be very fond of your cat, ma'am . . ." The inspector smiled sympathetically. "talking her about with you—"

"Oh, devoted. And Christine is quite devoted to me, the sweet angel. I can't understand why—"

"I suppose, Agatha darling, she became frightened by all the fuss going on here, everyone talking and running about, searching for the thief," the colonel's wife suggested, adding with a little shiver: "I'm frightened, myself. If a thief can walk in and out of our house, without being seen or heard, it's quite terrifying."

"Such a happening, ma'am, could only occur once in a hundred times," the inspector tried to reassure her. "It's very rare for a thief to get away with it. As a matter of fact, in this case, the thief was caught for a moment, then escaped. In this case, I'm not at all of the opinion that the thief did enter and leave this house—"

"Meaning—?" asked the Colonel sharply.

"I think we must consider two other possibilities as far more certain, sir. One, that the thief did not enter at

all, but was handed that pendant by someone in this house, doubtless by way of that window, left open on purpose."

"Ah . . ." Mrs. Markham was immediately intrigued. She said: "The maid, Lucy, of course. It couldn't possibly have been cook. She's such a treasure—"

"And I can't believe, my dear, that it could have been Lucy, either," her husband fired up stoutly. "No. It's admittedly true enough that—" he turned to the inspector. "We do happen to know that the poor girl had a spot of bother with your people in London three years ago, and actually served a short sentence. But she's been straight as a die ever since she's been with us, inspector, I'm positive. What's more, she's only recently become engaged to a very fine young fellow around here. No no. I bar Lucy from this."

"Well, sir," the detective soothed in his quiet way, "I'll probably have a chat with the girl presently, and form my own conclusions. Meanwhile—"

"Meanwhile, inspector," broke in, rather truculently, the young man named Phayre, "you mentioned two possibilities in regard to this—theft. What is your second, if the first fails?"

"That there was no outside thief at all. That the person who stole the pendant is in this house, and knows where it is."

"Even including—one of us?" enquired Mrs. Worth in her flutelike, quavering voice.

"In a case of this sort, ma'am, every possibility has to be considered—"

"Oh, but that's simply preposterous, inspector!" The colonel exploded, red in the face. "As though, for a single moment, my wife and I would insult our friends here by even suspecting them."

"Well, colonel, Inspector Haynes is within his rights, of course," the doctor intervened gently. "It's awkward for all of us, that pendant disappearing so mysteriously. Somebody certainly has taken it. And several people here knew it to be lying upstairs in that bedroom, unguarded—"

"I did, doctor, for one!" exclaimed tersely the young and pretty Mrs. Phayre. "I had it in my hands—even round my neck—before we came down to dinner. But that doesn't mean I had anything to do with its loss—or my husband, either."

"Dear me, of course not—" the flutelike voice of Mrs. Worth quavered excitedly. "One might as well say the same of me. Why, it was I who suggested it to be unsafe up there in the bedroom—"

"I know, Agatha darling . . ." The colonel's wife placed an arm round her affectionately, and eyed the inspector with frank disfavour.

"It's all very stupid," she said. "I wish we hadn't called you in, if our friends are to be suspected—"

"One moment, ma'am . . ."

The inspector seemed far away in thought. He had suddenly produced a little pocket-book, through the pages of which he was rapidly glancing, as if seeking for something of importance. He closed the book, thrusting it away into a pocket of his capacious overcoat.

"On second thoughts, ma'am," he ruminated deeply, "I don't think—for the moment, anyhow—we need distress your friends. An idea has just come to me. There is something about this case which tallies in many respects with one or two other mysterious losses in and about this neighbourhood, not so far explained away. It may be—"

He took up his brown felt hat from the table where he had earlier laid it, and addressed Colonel Markham.

"Just to be on the safe side, sir," he said. "You might keep an eye on that little maid of yours, though without in the least letting her suspect she's being watched. I'd like to take a walk round to the station, and—if I'm right in what I'm beginning to surmise—I'll probably call back later."

"There's no reason why I, for instance, need remain here, inspector?" inquired the doctor. "I had actually

intended to leave before this—to look in on a patient."

"By all means, sir, carry on with the good work," the inspector responded willingly. "No need for anyone to stay here, if they don't wish."

The inspector, after leaving the house, did not—curiously enough—turn in the direction of the local police-station in the small cathedral town. He turned his back on the town, in fact, walking exactly the opposite way, until—in a matter of eight or ten minutes—he came to a small villa in a garden.

The villa was in complete darkness—at the front, anyhow. He flicked the rays of his torch here and there, as he passed up the garden path, lighting the threshold and the evergreen bushes planted beneath the front windows and forming also a hedge to the garden.

Suddenly, he switched off the light, darkness swallowing him up. Minutes passed—five, then ten or more. Presently, footsteps pattered along the road outside, a garden gate clanged, and someone came up the garden-path to the front-door, which was opened by a key.

Light flooded a small hall within, and into that light Inspector Haynes stepped swiftly, saying politely:

"Pardon me, Mrs. Worth . . ."

The light shone on her blonde hair, as the women swung round, startled and agitated, exclaiming shrilly:

"Why, who's that—?" Then, as recognition came to her, she gasped: "Gracious . . . It's the detective person."

"The same, madam. Naturally, I've seen you about the neighbourhood, knew where you lived—"

"But—I thought you were going to the police station? You said so, quite clearly. What do you want here?"

"A little friendly chat, Mrs. Worth. I've saved you the trouble of looking for your cat, by the way. Nice animals, cats. So domesticated—"

Meanwhile he had moved into the hall, closing the front-door. Mrs. Worth, staring at him in a fascinated way, preceded him into a room, switching on the light. This showed how he held tightly under one arm a struggling big black cat, obviously well cared for. Round its neck was an unusually immense bow of broad blue ribbon. Mrs. Worth, her face gone the colour of chalk, protested wildly:

"How dare you interfere with my cat? She's no business of yours—"

She stretched out hands to take the struggling animal, but the inspector—laughingly—kept it out of her reach.

"Not my business?" he bantered. "Oh, I think so, all the same, lady."

"You may remember," he went on, "that I mentioned how your cat jumped out on me from an open window as I reached Colonel Markham's place. I should properly have mentioned that it had been hurriedly put out, and by a woman. I caught a quick glimpse of a woman's hand, anyhow. Afterwards, examining the sill with my torch, I found this. A wedding-ring. As a widow, which I believe you are, you should surely be wearing one, though I noticed at the colonel's house your marriage finger was bare. This is perhaps yours, worn a trifle loose with time—"

"It is not, and this is preposterous," the other exclaimed in the white-heat of fury. "Why should I put my own cat out of that window when I wanted her there safely with me, when I had gone to the trouble to take her there at all?"

"Taking a cat to places did strike me as queer," Inspector Haynes murmured drily. "Still, it seems to be a habit of yours, lady. Meantime, I'll tell you just why you did put your beloved Christine out of that window. You knew that following the natural habit of cats, it would at once come right back here to its home. And—with what?"

He untied the immense bow of broad ribbon, letting the cat fall from him. Inside the ribbon, fastened to it by a small safety-pin, was a small chamol leather bag, which he opened. In his palm lay a black, pear-shaped pearl, attached to a platinum chain.

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SINGAPORE IMPORTS OF H.K. GOODS: PRESENT REQUIREMENTS EXPLAINED

AIR ACTIVITY AT THE FRONT

Paris, To-day.

A fresh outburst of air activity occurred yesterday on the western front, where cold dry weather brought excellent visibility.

Planes took to the air in large numbers on both sides and engaged principally in reconnoitring and photographic missions over the front, with fighter aircraft giving the necessary protection.

The Germans also made several long-distance reconnaissance flights over northern and eastern France, as well as day flights towards the East Coast of Britain. It is believed that the object of these night flights was the laying of magnetic mines. — Reuter.

TWO NAZI PLANES SHOT DOWN

PARIS, TO-DAY.

TWO NAZI PLANES WERE SHOT DOWN OVER THE FRENCH LINES ON WEDNESDAY.

The French wireless commentator adds to the brief official communique the fact that, thanks to the fine weather, many air operations are reported.

French planes on a reconnaissance flight, accompanied by fighters, met with enemy planes and shot down two. — Reuter.

GERMANS ADMIT LOSS OF ONE PLANE

Berlin, To-day.

A German communique admits the loss of one plane over France on Wednesday, but declares that "it struck the ground while pursuing a French plane." — Reuter.

DANISH SHIPS MAKE PORT

London, To-day.

The two Danish ships, of 1,000 and 2,300 tons respectively, which were bombed by Nazi planes in the North Sea on Tuesday have arrived safely in British ports.

German sources are now trying to justify the bombing by saying that the Danish ships were escorted by British warships; this is not true. — Reuter.

CIVILIAN GASMASKS IN HONG KONG

Application forms for those desiring to avail themselves of the Government offer of civilian respirators, at cost price (not more than \$2.50) will be available at all divisional and district police stations in the Colony as from January 18.

MR. BENNETT, BANKER

London, To-day.

Mr. R. B. Bennett, former Prime Minister, has been appointed chairman of the London Committee of the Royal Bank of Canada. — Reuter.

WITH REFERENCE to the restriction of some imports from Hong Kong, and the prohibition of other imports, enforced by the authorities of British Malaya as an exchange protection measure because Hong Kong is outside the sterling bloc, the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce has now received further information on the subject.

In a semi-official communication it is stated that, provided abuses do not creep in, restricted imports from Hong Kong will still continue at probably not much below 1938 figures.

The prohibited list will be strictly interpreted.

Regulated textiles of the types which are controlled under the Importation of Textiles (Quotas) Ordinance still continue to be controlled under that Ordinance and are not on the prohibited list. They may be called "restricted," but will still come in in reasonable quantities.

(In Malaya quota legislation applies not only to woven cloth in the piece but to made-up and knitted garments).

Since the middle of September the system has been in force, and has been working quite smoothly, whereby an importer in Malaya refers first to a Government Department for authority to import before he places an order. If they fail to do this, goods may be refused on arrival or there may be difficulties over exchange.

RE-EXPORTS NOT AFFECTED

Even in respect of goods which are unregulated entirely importers in Malaya are furnishing particulars to the Government Department and applications are endorsed "Unregulated," so that subsequent exchange control and import are facilitated.

In addition, goods — even though on the prohibited list — may be imported freely they are for re-export elsewhere outside Malaya provided that a form of guarantee, which is well-known to importers, is lodged at the time of submitting the order.

The descriptions of prohibited and restricted goods appearing in the Straits Settlements Gazette of 17th November are drawn in rather wide terms, and it is only possible to ascertain which particular articles are included by reference to the code numbers which are given against such descriptions and comparing them with the corresponding code numbers given to items in the monthly volume of the Malayan statistics. In cases of doubt, reference should also be made to detailed lists given in the Federated Malay States Government Gazette of 27th November.

PROHIBITED LIST

The prohibited list includes the following goods (only items likely to affect Hong Kong are given in this summary):—

Biscuits, Confectionery, Aerated Waters, Sugar Candy, Hosiery other than of cotton or of Artificial Silk, Outer Garments of the following descriptions if made of silk, wool, linen or silk and wool mixed:

Aprons, blouses, blazers, cardigans, coats, coats, cloaks, capes, dresses, frocks, golf coats, gowns, gowns (bath), gowns (dressing), jackets, jerseys (football), jumpers, kimono, kebays, mackintoshes, mantles, mufflers, overalls, oilskins, overcoats, pull-overs, pyjamas (beach), raincoats, robes, rompers, sash bands (Japanese), skirts, sweaters, sports coats, suits, shawls, scarves, shorts, slippers, trousers and wraps.

Underwear of the following descriptions if made of anything but artificial silk or cotton:

Banians, brassieres, bloomers, camisoles, chemise, chollies, corsets, combinations, dancing sets, drawers, girdles, gowns (night), lingerie, knickers, negligees, panties, petticoats, pyjamas (sleeping), suspenders (ladies), singlets, shirts, shirts (sports), slips, step-ins, teddies, underpants (men's) undies and vests.

The following apparel, no matter of what material: Belts, braces, collars, gloves, putties, suits (bathing) and ties.

Paints and enamels prepared (ready mixed), Varnish, Soap, household and washing, Soap, toilet, Skins, tanned (undressed), Stationery (typewriting paper, duplicating paper, carbon paper, letter heads, notepaper, pads, compendiums, bound stationery), Sal-

ing Vessels, Steamships, Motor Vessels, Other Ships and Boats, Rubber Shoes, Cabinetry and Furniture, Curios, Fancy Goods of Ivory, Bone, Horn, Celluloid, etc., Other descriptions of Fancy Goods—bags of leather or material resembling leather for ladies, purses, paper, lanterns, fancy leather goods, Lacquerware, Toys and Games, Umbrellas (covered with cloth).

RESTRICTED LIST

The list of goods the importation of which into British Malaya is restricted by permit includes the following:—

Fresh Fruits, Tea, black, Vegetables, dry and preserved, Other provisions, n.o.e., including ginger, salted and ginger preserved in syrup or sugar, Beer and Ale, Cigars, Cigarettes, Tobacco, Groundnuts, Groundnut Oil, Batteries for hand flash lamps, Boots and Shoes (leather), Proprietary Medicines, Other descriptions of drugs and medicines including medicinal herbs and roots, Paperware, Books and Printed Matter, Joss Sticks and Paper, Perfumery and Cosmetics, Goods manufactured wholly or partly not elsewhere specified.

The last item does not apparently include "all other" manufactured or partly manufactured goods. The F.M.S. list details specific articles coming under this heading. The only ones likely to affect Hong Kong are imitation leather bags, boxes and trunks, drinking straws).

BLACK FOR LUCK

(Continued from Page 16)

"It will be interesting to discover, Mrs. Worth, how many times before pussy has played cat-burglar this way, and round about this neighbourhood," he remarked with a chuckle; then added sternly: "Anyhow you and I will just walk back to Colonel Markham's place. For one thing, to satisfy him that he was quite right about that poor little innocent maid of his. For another, to prove to Mrs. Markham that it is not always wise to trust one's best and dearest friends."



The groom soon finds he can't keep the girl of his choice on pins and needles after the marriage knot has been tied.

2 SENTENCED TO DINE

A judge has "sentenced" an Englishman and his pretty wife to a £10 dinner, followed by a night in a £6 suite in New York's most luxurious hotel.

The couple are Mr. and Mrs. James Lewis, who went before Judge Curran to complain about the noise made nightly by a house-building firm near their home.

"I sentence you," said the Judge, "to a meal at a good restaurant, followed by a restful night's sleep in the best hotel, regardless of cost. The bill must be paid by the firm who make such a noise!"

So the couple dined on caviare and champagne at a restaurant where other customers included two of the world's richest girls—Countess Haugwitz Reventlow and Doris Duke Cromwell.

HUNDREDS TOOK CUE

Then they sent in a £16 bill to the builders — who calmly turned it over to the New York City authorities for payment. As it happens, they are doing a municipal job.

And the authorities soon discovered that the £16 bill was a mere bagatelle.

Hundreds of Mr. Lewis's neighbours lodged complaints about the noise.

Said City Works Commissioner Binger: "It seems to me that Lewis has so many neighbours who are also annoyed by noise that we shall have to charter the Normandie and take them all to dinner in Paris."

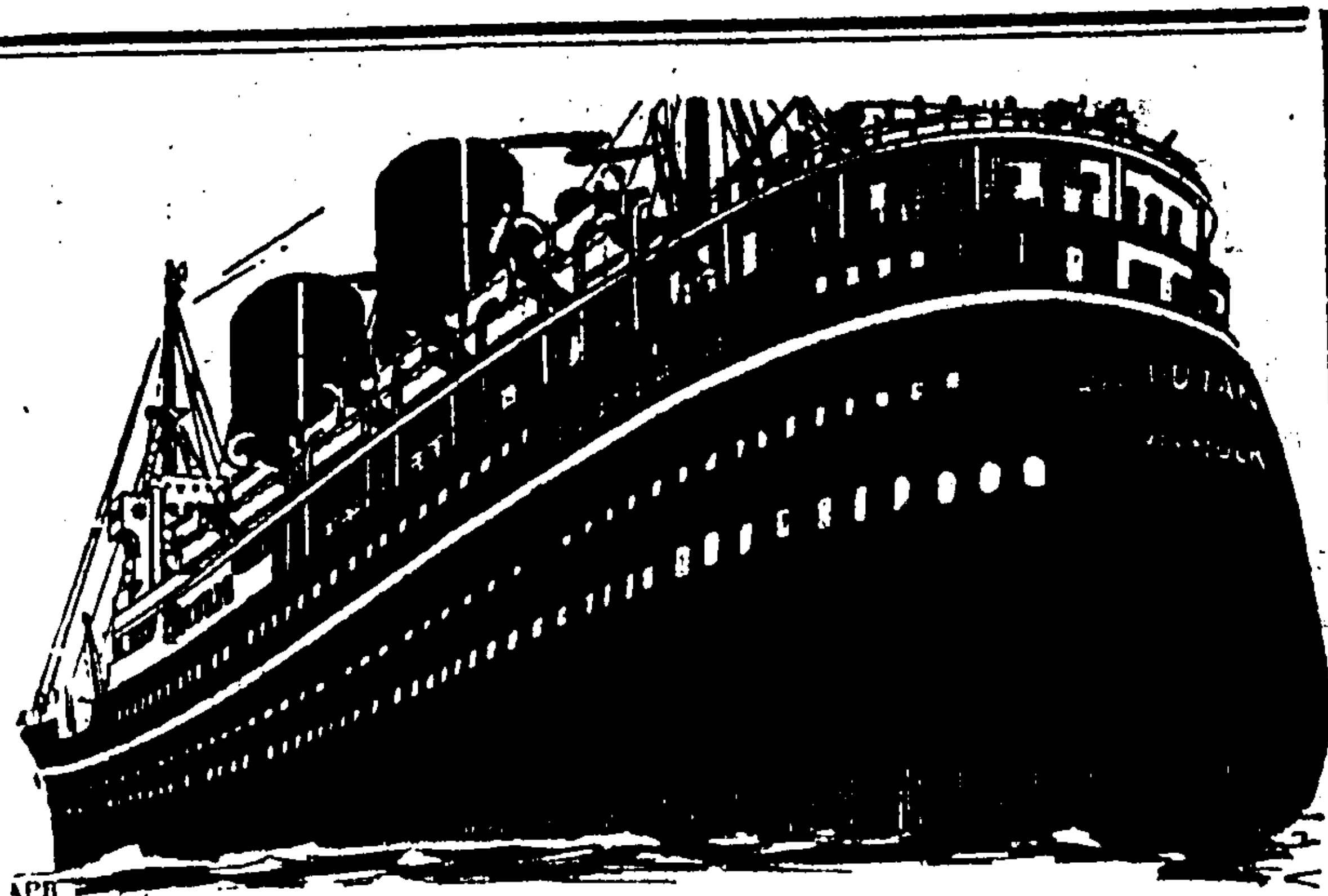
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(a) personally; (b) by messenger; (c) by post.

It is essential under (c) and preferable under (a) and (b) that applications should be accompanied by crossed cheque payable to Hongkong Government. The new licence will then be sent by post or messenger as soon as it is ready. Where actual cash is tendered a new licence should be received in exchange before leaving the Licensing Office.

In the case of renewal the old licence should be returned with the application.

INWARD MAILS

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Manila	January 12.
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Rabaul and Manila	January 12.
Manila	January 12.
Shanghai	January 12.
Canton	January 13.
Shanghai	January 13.
Sandakan	January 13.
Shanghai	January 14.
Japan and Shanghai	January 14.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London	January 15.
date, 6th January	January 15.
Haiphong and Holhow	January 15.
Manila	January 15.
Straits and Manila	January 15.

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Straits		Jan. 12, 2.30 p.m.
Amoy		Jan. 12, 7.00 p.m.
SATURDAY		
Saigon		Jan. 13, 3.30 p.m.
Parcels only for Tientsin		Jan. 13, 10.30 a.m.
Fort Bayard and Holhow		Jan. 13, 1.30 p.m.
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	Reg.,	Jan. 13, 1.45 p.m.
	Ord.,	Jan. 13, 2.30 p.m.
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	Reg.,	Jan. 13, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.,	Jan. 13, 5.30 p.m.
SUNDAY		
Canton		Jan. 14, 7.15 a.m.
Amoy and Parcels only for Shanghai		Jan. 14, 9.00 a.m.
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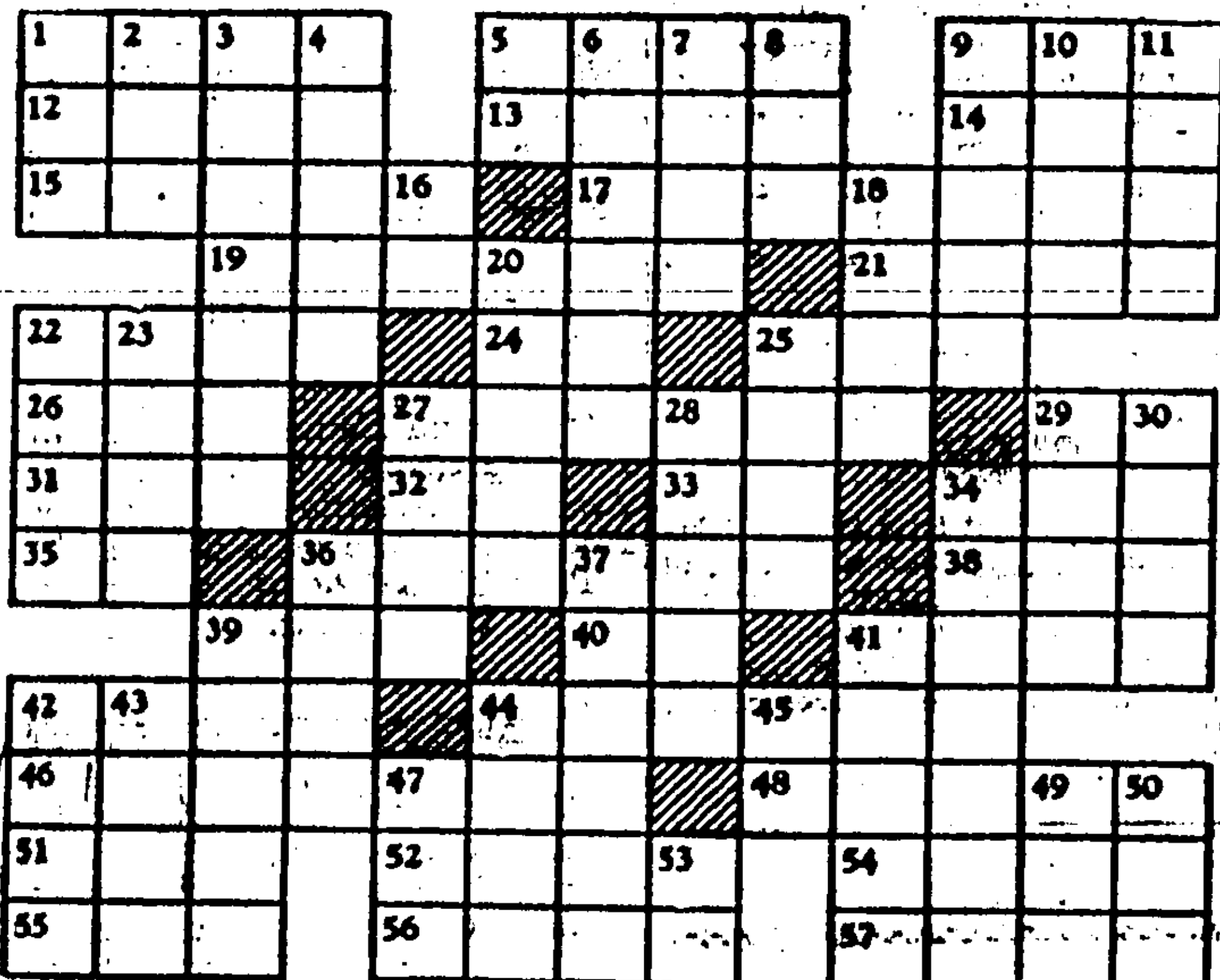
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- 12 Pain
- 13 Mandible part
- 14 Inlet
- 15 Booth
- 17 With celerity
- 19 Shoes pegs
- 21 Dowries
- 22 Kinds
- 24 Chinese measure
- 25 Poetic for "always"
- 26 Nothing
- 27 Malarial poison
- 29 Symbol for iron
- 31 Scotch for "to"
- 32 Whirlwind
- 33 Two
- 34 Hebrew letter
- 35 Conjunction
- 36 Occasion
- 38 Possessive
- 39 Hindu weight
- 40 Symbol for silver
- 41 Burrowing animal

VERTICAL

- 42 German valley
- 44 To favour
- 46 Skilled worker
- 48 Flower essence
- 51 Cold
- 52 Senile
- 54 Mediterranean island
- 55 Vehicle
- 56 To surrender
- 57 Huge waves

VERTICAL

- 1 Feast day
- 2 Edict
- 3 To fetter
- 4 Narrates
- 5 Sacred word
- 6 Shakespearean heroine
- 7 Interjection

VERTICAL

- 8 Chance
- 9 Zen
- 10 To percolate
- 11 Remunerates
- 16 French article
- 18 Supposition
- 20 Foreign
- 22 Within
- 23 Prevaricator
- 25 To discharge
- 27 To secure
- 28 To scorch
- 29 Horse
- 30 Gaelic
- 34 To laugh
- 36 Persian elt
- 37 Merited
- 39 Woodland deity
- 41 Apparitions
- 42 Levantine vessel
- 43 Airy box
- 44 To summon
- 45 Note of scale
- 46 French verb
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R.H.K.G.C. STARTING TIMES

Following are Royal Hong Kong Golf Club
starting times for Fanning on Saturday:—

Old Course	
2.00 p.m.	D. S. Edward, Capt. Rely.
2.04 ..	C. B. Brown, A. B. Purves.
2.48 ..	E. W. Kirk, W. M. Barton.
SUNDAY	
Old Course	
9.16 a.m.	K. S. and J. A. D. Morrison.
9.20 ..	A. L. Potter, E. L. Groome.
9.24 ..	A. H. McBride, H. N. Williamson.
9.28 ..	G. W. Behrmen, C. F. Marshall.
9.32 ..	R. Young, F. Groves.
9.36 ..	E. Davidson, C. C. Black.
9.40 ..	D. Forbes, H. F. Sommers.
9.44 ..	J. W. Mayhew, G. Riddell-Carre.
9.48 ..	Col. Rose, W/Cdr. Steele Perkins.
9.52 ..	N. K. Littlejohn, T. Low.
9.56 ..	L. Goldman, F. D. Hunter.
10.00 ..	J. A. R. Selby, E. T. McMullen.
10.04 ..	W. W. C. Shewan, Surg. Cdr. Nicholson.
10.08 ..	J. E. Richardson, D. S. Edward.
10.12 ..	W. B. Richardson, J. Redman.
10.16 ..	E. A. Bompas, M. S. Banner.
10.20 ..	A. J. Dennis, J. T. Smith.
10.24 ..	F. A. M. Elliott, P. C. Jackson.
10.28 ..	I. P. Tamworth, J. B. Mackie.
10.32 ..	H. Overy, W. J. E. Mackenzie.
10.36 ..	A. Morse, H. G. Sheldon.
10.40 ..	D. J. Gilmore, A. C. Meredith.
10.44 ..	M. G. Carruthers, L. M. Wylie.
10.48 ..	A. M. Mack, G. G. Aitkenhead.
10.52 ..	J. M. Gray, N. C. Macleod.
10.56 ..	J. P. Murphy, D. B. Evans.
11.00 ..	P. E. Annis, J. W. Clague.
11.04 ..	H. M. Rowland, E. J. Faggiano.
11.08 ..	Cdr. Murray, B. D. Evans.
11.12 ..	A. McKellar, J. Linaker.
11.16 ..	L. M. S. Lloyd, A. Sommerfelt.
11.20 ..	A. N. and Q. A. A. Macfadyen.
11.24 ..	Cdr. Hole, T. Megarry.
11.28 ..	F. A. Redmond, A. E. Lissaman.
New Course	
9.20 a.m.	G. C. Worrall, H. F. Phillips.
9.28 ..	D. L. Strellett, H. J. D. Lowe.
9.32 ..	Miss Cuthbertson, Miss Blackburn.
9.40 ..	L. R. Cramer, D. Humphreys.
9.48 ..	Mrs. Rose, Mrs. Webb.
9.56 ..	Mrs. Goldman, Mrs. Hunter.
10.04 ..	R. L. S. Webb*, A. Mabb*.
10.08 ..	W. A. Mackinlay*, C. W. Jeffries*.
10.16 ..	G. M. Park*, N. D. Lloyd*.
10.20 ..	Mrs. Dennis, Mrs. Smith.
10.24 ..	W. P. Thomson*, J. H. B. Lee*.
10.28 ..	Mrs. Overy, Mrs. Mackenzie.
10.32 ..	A. B. Stafford*, A. S. Allison*.
10.36 ..	S. Tomlinson*, R. G. Gray*.
10.40 ..	W. L. Alexander*, A. V. Greaves*.
10.44 ..	S. T. Butlin*, H. A. Mills*.
10.48 ..	M. Pollock, P. Morrison.
10.52 ..	Major Temple, Lieut. Bax.
10.56 ..	Col. Shackleton, Col. Newnham.

* Unsuccessful in ballot for the Old Course.

TALAN BEATS GOLDEN

M. Talan (plus 12) beat Sam Golden (plus 15) by 43 points, 468-425, in the second round of the Singles Handicap Competition at the Hong Kong Bowling Alleys yesterday. Talan's scores were 142, 171 and 153. The loser added nine points to his scores of 144, 158 and 114.

NAZI LIES THROUGH SWISS EYES

In the press of Switzerland there have lately been several retorts to German misrepresentation of Swiss feeling. The 'Berner Tagwacht' calls attention to a report in the 'Munchener Neueste Nachrichten', the author of which used a photograph of some citizens of Berne waiting for their blue ration cards to illustrate "demonstrations" of ill-will against Great Britain. A writer in the 'Journal de Geneve' writes: "When people get their food cards they don't curse the blockade aimed at the Reich. They just say that, if Hitler's Government had not smashed Poland, they would not be having to count their grains of rice and grammes of macaroni. But of course the correspondent of the German paper couldn't very well report that."

GOLD COAST SOCIAL SERVICES

London, To-day.

Although defence questions loom large in the councils of the Government of Sierra Leone, as of all Governments of the Colonial Empire, measures envisaged before the outbreak of war for the welfare of the people of that dependency are being carried through.

These measures relate principally to labour conditions, hospitals, agriculture, research, education and native administration. — British Wireless.

AIR SERVICE TO RESUME

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.

The Royal Netherlands Air Navigation Company announce that the Amsterdam-Berlin air service will be resumed in the near future.

Probable date of resumption is March 1. — Havas.

ARMY CRICKET XI

Following team will represent Army against Craigengower "B" on the Army Ground at Sookunpoo on Saturday: Capt. J.F. Lawrence (Captain), Major J.E. Swyer, Capt. A.B. Whatman, Lieut. A.W.F. Peal, Lieut. C.M.M. Man, Lieut. J.E. Ridsdale, Lieut. B.A. Fergus, Q.M.S. Patterson, S/Sgt. Gardner, Cpl. Eddy and Pte. Boocock.

COMBINED SCHOOLS XI

The following have been chosen to represent the combined schools in a cricket match against the C.C.C. on Sunday, at 2 p.m.:—Mr. J. L. Young Saye (Captain), W. G. Pryde (C.B.S.), A. Weller (C.B.S.), G. Saunders (C.B.S.), J. Macaulay (D.B.S.), B. Silva (S.J.C.), P. Rull (S.J.C.), A. Arculli (L.S.C.), N. L. Smith (C.B.S.), A. Odell (C.B.S.) and A. Brown (C.B.S.).

VOLUNTEER XI

The following will represent the Volunteers at Cricket against Club de Beiro on Sunday at Kirk's Park commencing at 11.30 a.m.

R. M. King, D. S. Blake, D. de S. Carey, D. G. Day, W. F. Gegg, M. F. L. Haymes, N. A. E. Mackay, D. McLellan, A. Zimmer, E. Zimmer and T. R. Zimmer.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2 18/10. Silver was quoted at 22-1/4 for spot and 22-1/4 forward. The London on New York rate was quoted at £ — U.S. \$4.0250 and the New York on London rate at £ — U.S. \$3.95 5/8.

REAL LIFE DETECTIVE TRIUMPHS

THE FRENCH METHOD

In the days when "Little Old New York" was more like an overgrown village than a great metropolis, a story from real life was enacted which combined all of the elements of anger, murder, love, romance and suicide.

The captain of a ship plying between New York and New Orleans had been detained at the dock after the usual sailing time. On the day the vessel was to start on its long-deferred voyage the attention of the officer was attracted by a strong stench coming from the hold. An examination proved that it came from a large pine box marked for a New Orleans address. It was opened and the shocked workers were confronted by the partly decomposed body of a man.

After a long investigation it was identified as the remains of Samuel Adams, a printer with a shop on lower Broadway. He had been missing for a week—and this was the result. Adams was a close friend of



mises, but said he was out of work and was looking for a job. Chief Byrnes now resolved to try the French method on the suspects. He ordered them to go to the morgue for the purpose of viewing the remains and placing their hands on the corpse—or what remained of it.

The tramp went through the ceremony without flinching, but the expressman showed traces of nervousness. But he did as he was told. But when Coles' turn came he refused to look at the body. When pressed to do so he let out a wild shriek.

"I did it," he cried, "I killed Adams."

MOTIVE LEAKS OUT

He confessed that he had become involved in a business quarrel with the printer and struck him violently. When Adams fell his head struck the hammer on the floor and he died almost instantly. Terrified, Coles hid the body in the box and lugged it down into the hallway from whence it had been carted away by the innocent expressman.

What followed after Coles had been sentenced to death was even more sensational. Caroline Henshaw insisted on marrying Coles the night before the execution. John Howard Payne was the best man. But when they went to the cell of the condemned man the next morning they found him a corpse. He had stabbed himself to death.

—He had cheated the gallows.
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INDIA'S GIFT TO TURKEY

London, To-day.

As a token of the deep sympathy of the Government and peoples of India in the terrible calamity that has overtaken Turkey, the Government of India have presented one thousand tents to the Turkish Government for the help of victims of the earthquake disaster.

The tents are being shipped immediately to Egypt for onward transmission according to the wishes of the Turkish Government. — British Wireless.

INDIA'S ANSWER TO WAR CALL

London, To-day.

From almost every district of India reports continue to be received that there is no lessening of the desire, so clearly shown by the bulk of the Indian people in the early days of the war, to render such assistance as they can.

Countless numbers have offered themselves for enlistment and many have had to be refused, even if only temporarily.

To meet the overwhelming response and mitigate disappointment, an explanation has once again been issued by the authorities in India, showing many important respects in which the present war differs from the last one.

During the early days of the war, it is explained, many thousands of Indian soldiers were brought into full army service.

LARGE INTAKE

These included newly enlisted men reservists and members of mobilised Territorial units, and the large intake was fully adequate for India's requirements at the time.

It must also be borne in mind that the enlistment of greater numbers than are really necessary might entail interference with India's vital industries and with agriculture. — British Wireless.

KIANGSI CELEBRATES

Kian, Kiangsi, To-day.

A mass meeting was held in Kian yesterday afternoon in celebration of the recent Chinese victory in north Kwangtung. — Central News.

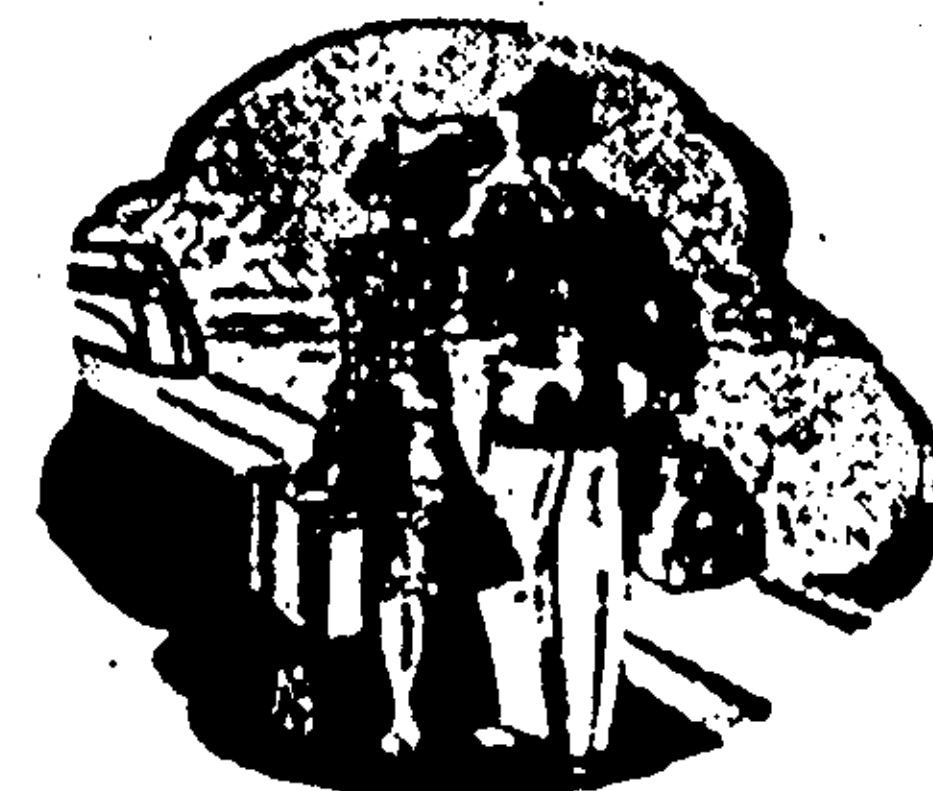
NORTH RIVER CROSSED

Shiukwan, To-day.

The Chinese have crossed the North River and are driving south.

One Chinese column is pushing toward Sunkai, 17 miles north of Canton by way of Lungtong and Nganchanngau, while another is moving toward Paknai and Cheknai by way of Shekkok, and Kwoktai.

Some 3,000 Japanese are surrounded between Naganchanngau and Shekkok. — Central News.



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Miss Betty Goodwin (on left) snapped during halftime in the H.K. Ladies-C.B.S. match.

BOWLING ALLEYS

By "STRIKE"

There were two or three very interesting matches played off this week. The first was a match in the Singles Handicap Competition between R. H. Tidd and Geo North played on January 5. Tidd had a handicap of 17 and North a handicap of 25, so Tidd was conceding 8 pins per game or 24 pins for the three games. Tidd won by 27 pins. The individual scores being as follows:—

R. H. Tidd.....468 Geo. North.....439

Actually Geo North lost by 27 pins after deducting his handicap, but without his concession of 24 he actually lost by 51 pins. I was rather surprised that he did not put up a better fight. I really thought that he would have beaten Tidd, but, as the scores show, Tidd averaged 155 per game, and North only 146 (including his handicap).

North can do better than this as was illustrated when he beat the redoubtable Gene Faggiano in the first round of the Competition, and then beat Jack Grace on November 3. In this latter match he scored 551 for his three games, or an average of 184 pins per game, and chalked up the highest individual score for any one game throughout the competition up to the present.

Then there was a good Duck Pin match played on January 8 between the U.S.S. Tulsa and the Alley Team, the Tulsa winning by 64 pins.

Individual scores were as follows:—

TULSA		ALLEY TEAM	
C. T. Christiansen	514	J. S. Landolt	516
O. F. Drowes	494	R. H. Tidd	490
J. A. Vasko	508	H. Blount	479
J. Veilinko	499	J. H. Watts	466

It can be seen from the scores that the Alley Team were up by 17 pins on the first two games, but slowly fell behind on the last three games, to eventually lose by the low margin of 64 pins.

It may interest Duck Pin fans to know that Vasko's Tulsa team and Landolt's Alley team, have, up to the present, played three matches, the Tulsa having won two and the Alley team one. The Alley team have therefore asked for a return match, to be played this evening at 7.30 p.m. so that Duck Pin supporters wish to see a real good Duck Pin game, this will be an opportunity.

The results of the three previous matches are as follows:—

Date	Team	Score
December 1—Alley Team		1948
December 1—Tulsa		1897
December 5—Tulsa		1952
December 5—Alley Team		1985
January 8—Tulsa		2015
January 8—Alley Team		1951

In the match played on January 8, Landolt, of the Alley Team, was top-scorer with 516 or an average of 163 pins per game, with C. I. Christiansen, a very close second with 514, or an average also of 163 per game. J. A. Vasko followed close behind with 508.

There was some remarkably good scoring, there being no fewer than 21 scores of over 100 per game, Tulsa notching 11 of them.

The highest individual score for one game was made by Christiansen with 138 in his first game, but Landolt's four scores of over 100 out of the five games, I believe, is a record for the Alleys in one match.

The average scores for each team per player was extraordinary good, Tulsa being 101 per player per game, and the Alley team almost 88 per player per game.

In my opinion it would be difficult to find two better Duck Pin Teams than the Tulsa and the Alley Team.

On January 8, R. H. Rainville, of Tulsa, almost beat F. P. Hollis's score of 252 which is the record for the month at present. Rainville's effort was 245 and if he had registered a strike instead of one of his spares he would have topped Hollis's score easily.

It was a very good effort and Rainville now has the much-coveted honour of being a member of the 200 Club.

On January 10, Al Worthman, also of the Tulsa, put up 237, his effort being as follows:—strike, spare, 6 strikes in a row, spare, spare, finishing up with a strike, it was a very good effort.

On Wednesday there was a very close and exciting five-game ten pin match between those old stalwarts, the Champs and the Tulsa.

Last time these two teams met, Tulsa won by 212 pins, the scores being Tulsa 3182 and the Champs 2970.

On this occasion the position was reversed, Champs winning by the close margin of 81 pins, thus avenging their previous defeat. The individual scores were as follows:—

CHAMPS		TULSA	
Doc Molthen	820	F. Spenko	773
Dick Venezia	766	A. Schreier	750
Chas Miller	762	Pete Peterson	734
Gene Faggiano	695	W. Michals	706

As can be seen by these scores Doc Molthen was the only player to register over 800 for the five games, and the only player to register over 200 was Peterson in his third game so the standard of play was not very high. Average score for each player with the exception of Molthen was only in the neighbourhood of about 150. Molthen's average was exactly 164 per game, and Dick Venezia who is generally about the 180 average mark, only managed 153 on this occasion.

LADIES' FINAL POSTPONED

Being, to the temporary indisposition of the contestants in the Florida of the Colony Ladies' Singles Tournament, this match has been postponed until Saturday, 12th January 1940, at the same time and place.



A line-out in the Army-Navy Rugby match.



Miss Maureen Booker, H.K. Ladies' centre-forward, in a tussle with Miss J. MacFayden, C.B.S. goalie, in their Caer Clark Cup clash.

CRICKET TEAMS

The following will represent Club to-morrow.

First v. K.C.C. (Home).—E. Owen Hughes (Capt.), D. de S. Carey, D. G. Day, A. T. Dow, L. A. H. Finnie, T. V. K. Fortescue, M. E. L. Haynes, L. D. Kilbee, A. K. Mackenzie, J. L. C. Pearce and J. E. Richardson.
Second v. I.R.C. (Away).—E. J. E. Mitchell (Capt.), R. V. Armstrong, G. W. E. Bishop, N. D. Booker, G. P. Charlton, G. E. Drivet, D. G. Farquhar, R. E. W. Pater, J. E. Potter, D. E. Ross and W. Baker.

RECREIO TEAMS

The following will represent Recreio at cricket to-morrow and on Sunday.

Second v. Tulsa (Home).—A. M. Prata (Capt.), H. M. Xavier, H. A. Barros, A. V. Gosano, M. A. Remelao, J. A. Soares, M. Mendonca, A. J. M. Prata, G. A. Guterres, J. E. Noronha and F. E. Carvalho.
First v. Volunteers, Sunday, 11.15 Am.—A. M. Rodrigues (Capt.), E. L. Gosano, P. M. N. de Silva, J. A. G. Gomes, W. A. Reed, J. M. Gosano, E. M. L. Soares, G. N. Gosano, R. L. Dario, M. A. Remelao and M. Mendonca.

COLONY RUGBY HOPES JUSTIFIABLY HIGH

Rigg & Grieve Playing For Shanghai?

GOAL-KICKING PROBLEM MUST BE SOLVED

(By "SCRUM HALF")

Six interport Rugby matches have been played between Hong Kong and Shanghai in Shanghai, and each port has won three times. Early next week, providing all are available, Hong Kong Football Club is sending a very strong team north to attempt to avenge the unexpected defeat by 12 points to 11 the Colony sustained at the Valley last February after holding all-Malaya to a draw.

With the exception of R. E. Heasman and P. F. Wanklyn, the cream of the Club players have been invited to make the trip, there being one reserve threequarter and two forwards, and, as the final line-up is fairly obvious, Shanghai are going to have a gruelling time.

My only lack of confidence in the team is in the goal-kicking department. Far too little attention has been paid to this, and the result has been that Club have dropped many points. To all appearances Castleton has been included as reserve hooker to Burford and goal-kicker, but he is not good enough for successful goal-kicking, and it would probably pay Club to go into the matter more thoroughly. If Taylor could be persuaded to use his toe instead of his instep he would be the man, though Bidwell should also be considered.

Based on this season's form, the following are my candid impressions of the selected eighteen:

Henderson. A very cool player at full-back, a strange position, possessing a safe pair of hands and a good kick. Has a sound idea of positional play. Best player available for the position.

Stewart. Dynamite. A most determined runner and a deadly tackle. Must remember to use both hands when taking a pass and sacrifice pace rather than lose the pass and give the opposing winger an opening.

Bidwell. When he releases the ball he is the ideal partner for Stewart. Inclined to be selfish, but on his day is best attacking threequarter seen locally in years. Tackles well when in the mood and kicks brilliantly. Should attempt more dropped goals.

Charter. Admirable substitute for Grieve. Reliable in attack and defence. One of the key men in every sense.

Hutchison. The years since 1934, year of his first Interport, have slowed him up considerably in attack, and handling not sound enough. Excellent tackle and often relieves pressure with well directed kick.

Bosanquet. Has speed but often runs straight into defender instead of using proven swerve. Not received the best support this season and play has been consequently affected. Should do well with Charter inside to him.

Cessford. A good attacking fly-half, but relies little too much on side-step and often holds up line when grassed in possession. Quite Laird-like in his kicking on occasion.

Thomson. Most promising scrum-half in years. Superb service and quick to detect opening. Fully able to shoulder his great responsibility.

Walkden. Six Interports are behind him and he is better than ever. Leads pack with gusto and sets fine example in all departments of forward play.

Burford. Excellent hooker and plays hard game in the loose.

Castleton. Spare hooker of value and mediocre goal-kicker. Could improve.

Kennedy. Hard-working but not

spectacular throughout every game. prove his play in the loose and line-outs.

Lack of speed offset by experience.

Needham. Not nearly as good as before his operation some months ago. Could be more useful in the line-outs and his weight could be used to better advantage in the loose.

Bompas. Unorthodox but effective. Very sound in the loose and line-outs. An honest-to-goodness forward.

Godfrey. A rattling good wing forward who has temporarily spoiled himself by attempting spectacular play. Still too valuable to be discarded, though weight is needed in the tight.

Taylor. A forward who knows what weight can do, but who is handicapped by slowness off the mark. Extremely useful in the line-outs.

Richardson. Spectacular forward but not consistent. Does not use height to advantage in the line-outs.

Deane. An excellent wing forward. Plenty of stamina and always on the ball. Getting over inclination not to shove in the tight scrums.

PROBABLE TEAM

Providing all are fit, the following are likely to take the field: Henderson; Stewart, Bidwell, Charter and Bosanquet; Cessford and Thomson; Walkden, Burford, Castleton; Needham, Bompas; Kennedy, Taylor and Deane.

I would have preferred Godfrey to Kennedy, but I feel the selectors will think otherwise.

Bidwell, Stewart, Burford and Kennedy have all represented Shanghai, the last named captaining the last victorious Shanghai team.

New Colony "caps", providing they are selected for the "big" game, are Charter, Bosanquet, Cessford, Thomson, Burford, Castleton, Kennedy, Needham, Bompas, Godfrey and Richardson.

Two players well-known in Hong Kong are likely to be in the Shanghai team, Bill Rigg and Willie Grieve, both of whom have represented the Colony against Shanghai.

THE TRIANGULAR TOURNAMENT

On this page I have selected an all-Hong Kong team from the talent available during the Triangular Tournament, and from this it will be seen that Club and Army supplied six players each and Navy three, and this about represents the difference between the three sides, with the Club backs just carrying the day against the Army pack. The following was the final table:

	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Club	4	3	1	47	35	
Army	4	2	2	35	28	
Navy	4	1	3	30	47	

Club had three excellent newcomers—Thomson excelled at scrum-half, Charter was equally good at centre threequarter and fly-half, and Godfrey played several rousing games at wing-forward—and not even the absence of Alec Taylor from two games stopped them laying very sound foundations for the winning of the championship. Very formidable in attack and defence, Club's weakness was at forward where, despite the best efforts of Walkden, there was very apparent slowness. Equal in weight to either of the other packs, the Club hooker, Castleton, had a strenuous time in trying to retain possession in the tight scrums, to failure

ALL-H.K. FIFTEEN

Judging on form shown in the Triangular Tournament I would select an all-Hong Kong team as follows:

Stevens (Navy); Stewart (Club), Bidwell (Club), Paul (Navy) and Richards (Army); Charter (Club) and Thomson (Club); Walkden (Club), Beddow (Army), Sutherland (Army); Needham (Club), Taylor (Navy); Pinkerton (Army), Cuthbertson (Army) and Ridsdale (Army).
Reserves—Wall (Police), Duke (Army), Godfrey (Club) and Alec Taylor (Club).

brilliance, the loss caused many experiments in the back division and these obviously did not bind the team together. Boe and Hook played at fly-half, and the latter, though slow off the mark and very stereotyped in attack, was the better of the two. Lang, one of Army's best players, played at scrum-half until the arrival of May, whose presence added greatly to Army's attacking powers, releasing as it did Lang for service at centre threequarter, his normal position. Waite and Richards were the most dangerous Army wing, Willis, Artingstall and Skipworth lacking the necessary initiative on the other wing, despite opportunities from Lang.

Pickton did well at full-back, but he would have been better employed at wing three-quarter.

Richards, Ridsdale and Duke all missed games due to various reasons and the substitutes were inadequate, especially in the case of Richards.

Army depended entirely on their pack, in which Pinkerton stood out with Ridsdale, Duke, Cuthbertson and Beddow lending valuable aid. Beddow proved an excellent hooker, and it was a pity he was available for only one game. Richards and Lang were the only outstanding backs.

Navy's Handicap

Navy had a disastrous season, as was to be expected, due to the absence of the Fleet, but they always went down with flags flying, and Clarke is to be congratulated on the fine manner in which he kept his team together and especially on their entirely unexpected win over Club by 14 points to 3.

They were unfortunate to lose Pascoe, Cochrane, Ogle and St. Johns entirely and then Stevens and Carter for their first game against Club, but they were fortunate to have a reliable full-back in Bax, so allowing Stevens to move up into the threequarter line, which was where their strength lay. Paul was their key man, kicking goals with remarkable consistency and being their most dangerous threequarter. After giving Club many anxious moments in their first clash, he was a marked man, but he still proved very elusive. Bowden did well on the wing, but the other winger was not so impressive, Kennedy being full of bustle but achieving little and Drury being tried only once, when he played a good defensive game.

Carter was not the ideal fly-half, being slow, but he was far ahead of O'Riordan, his understudy. In the pack few gave consistently good displays, and Taylor, King and Ferris were about the best.

Army's Bad Luck

Army looked a good thing at the start of the season, but before the Tournament started Douglas, their fly-half, was injured and has not played since. Apart from his

ARMY SPORTLIGHT HAS BEEN HELD OVER UNTIL TO-MORROW.



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This week-end has been an eventful one in the activities of Hong Kong Football Association for much has happened on and off the field of play in the past few days.

Outstanding event was the large number of cases of players being sent off the field of play over the week-end. A number of cases were dealt with last night and resulted in players receiving varying sentences from a year's suspension to cautions.

It is difficult to find the exact cause of this unhappy state of affairs but it appears that the blame lies equally with players and referees.

Football Association has always assured the referees of their support in dealing with cases of misconduct, when players are sent off the field, in an effort to stamp out dirty play, but Rev. Hinchcliffe struck the right note on Monday when he asked referees to use more tact before resorting to drastic measures.

A well-known local referee said that the sending off of a player must always be for a serious offence and not as a means of regaining control of a game which through his own incompetence he has let go too far.

In two cases last week, referees had to issue general warnings to all the players and, in spite of these warnings, players from the same game were sent off.

Committee's Findings

The findings of the Committee to enquire into the allegations and complaints made against the handling of the Eastern-Royal Scots game were made public on Monday and it was found that the referee (Mr. Stokes) had handled the game in an efficient and capable manner.

FOOTBALL REVIEW

(By "REFEREE")

The committee adds, however, that it was unfortunate that the referee did not see the incident which formed part of the complaint, and recommended that the Royal Scots player concerned should be reprimanded.

Though the findings were only made known on Monday it was obvious that Mr. Stokes had been vindicated and exonerated from all blame for he was given charge of an important charity game soon after and on Sunday refereed the match between Eastern and South China "A"—Clubs whose very officials had lodged the complaint—to not only the satisfaction but the admiration of the competing teams and the large public.

Letter Withdrawn

At the meeting of the Referees' Association it was decided, after discussion and some explanation by the Hon. Secretary of the Football Association, to withdraw the letter containing suggestions as to future appointment of referees.

It was evident that referees discovered, after their suggestions had been given a trial, the futility of the suggestions and realised that they were better off under the old methods of appointments.

Interports

It is pleasing to learn that the Football Association have invited Saigon and Singapore to play a series of games here during the Chinese New Year holidays.

No reply had been received from Saigon, though the letter was written early in December, and it was presumed that Saigon were not interested in the proposition, so Hong Kong communicated with the Singapore Association. A reply is expected shortly from both ports.

Overcrowded Matches

The question of overcrowding at football matches was again brought up at the meeting on Monday but no tangible solution was advanced to remedy the position.

There is no ground capable of holding the vast crowd that follows football and until the Association or a club acquires a ground with sufficient accommodation, the same state of affairs will continue. It can hardly be expected that a club will build very much bigger stands, with the prospect of only one packed game a year to reimburse them for the expense of the stands.

One solution to overcrowding would be to increase the prices of admission and thus drive away the poorer classes who attend football week after week.

Second Div. Concluding

The Second Division fixtures reach the end of their schedule though there still remain several postponed games to be played off. This division, though it was split into two sections, has produced football of a high standard and the play-off for the divisional championship should result in some

fine games.

South China "A" are now far ahead of their nearest rivals and should easily win the title to equal the now defunct Chinese Athletic records of winning the championship three years running.

The runners-up position is still very open and on current form appears to be between Eastern, Kowloon and Middlesex, though other clubs still have a chance if they win most of their remaining games, particularly those against the above-mentioned clubs.

Interport Team

The Interport team which was chosen on Monday has already been the subject of comment but it is understood that S. Strange, one of the backs, is ill with malaria while P. Jorge, a reserve, is still on the injured list and has just recently left school to join a firm of solicitors.

Players Suspended

Five players were dealt with at the meeting of the Emergency Committee of the Hong Kong Football Association held last night.

Lec Shek-yau of South China was cautioned, while Gilchrist (Club), Bond (Club), Delgado (International) Chan Sui-chin (South China juniors) and Chan Chik-kai (South China juniors) were all suspended till December 31, 1940.

Chui Ah Fai, the All-China soccer pivot at the Berlin Games in 1936, has signed up and been registered for Eastern. He will turn out against St. Joseph's on Sunday.

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BADMINTON NOTES

INTERESTING MATCHES IN COURSE OF WEEK

University "A" With Practice Should Retain Title

H. F. CHEW IS A DEFINITE FIND

(By "ADREM")

FROM BADMINTON MATCHES I have seen in the course of the week, two facts appear to me to have been established. First is that University "A" are likely to retain the Senior title; second is that King's College are not likely to win the Junior Championship, despite an excellent start.

Most games went as expected and for the first time for some weeks, matches were played in all divisions of the League.

In "A" Division, University's victory was not unexpected. What was surprising, however, was the ease with which they beat Recreio, who in previous seasons, have always given them an extremely hard fight whatever the state of the League.

Although there were a couple of very good games, for the most part the standard of badminton served up was disappointingly poor. The Recreio players, while they have had quite a fair amount of practice, were never able to touch top form, and the University stars have had their badminton interrupted by examinations and have yet to get their games into full working order.

I have seen Hui and Yong play on two occasions this season and on each they were very tentative at the outset and only improved as they went along.

QUESTION OF PSYCHOLOGY
This state of affairs is not good enough, as, against a team like Chinese "Y"—now their only challengers for honours—who are evidently in full practice and as keen as mustard, they cannot afford to drop an early game as they did against Recreio. Success or defeat in the first game of the evening often decides a match owing to the psychological effect on the lesser lights in the team.

On Monday, Oliveira and A. M. Silva struck such brilliant form right from the start that Hui and Yong were made to look silly! And I mean just that! They were most difficult to recognise as the pair which had won the doubles title of the Colony last season.

Undoubtedly they did appear to be worried by the conditions, although the Recreio court in the matter of lighting and background is probably the best in the Colony at the moment, and they were up against Oliveira in his most devastating mood.

He could do nothing wrong. He smashed with all his old vigour and rushed about the court making impossible returns in a manner typical of a couple of seasons back.

Silva played some very canny shots at the net and was almost invariably in position for a "kill."

Carvalho and Remedios also got away to a flying start against P. S. Bun and M. S. Lim but they flattered only to deceive. The University pair were bewildered in the early stages by Recreio's whirlwind tactics and not until they were down 5-13 did they really start to assume an ascendancy. Despite all that Carvalho and Remedios could do thereafter they were unable to stop the University run of success and after levelling at 15, Bun and Lim went out without a great deal more trouble.

It was not expected that Pereira and Gonsalves would do very much and they didn't! They were unable to secure more than 14 aces in any one game.

CHEW IS GOOD

I was very favourably impressed with the performance of H. F. Chew. I had heard great things said of him and he was not over-rated. His combination with C. K. Lee, who is playing much better now than he did last season, is a good one and University can now be considered a better-balanced side than they have ever been—or at least they should be when in full practice!

AN APPEAL

I have only just been able to secure the detailed score of the other "A" Division match, between University "B" and Chung Wah.

In this connection I would repeat an appeal made to club secretaries at the beginning of the season to send in their scores where it has been impossible to send anyone for them.

It is only by some sort of co-operation that records can be kept up to date, and records, all players will admit, are always interesting.

Although they had out more or less the same team which won "B" Division last season Chung Wah proved no match for University "B" and only succeeded in winning two games.

Choi Wing-chiu, who played for St. Andrew's last season, partnered P. C. Leung

to form Chung Wah's first string, but only succeeded in winning one game. C. F. Chiu and S. C. Leong won the other, W. H. Choy and S. S. Li being beaten in all their engagements.

This match indicates the vast disparity in standard between "A" and "B" Divisions, as University "B" cannot be rated higher than about fourth in the senior division.

THE MIXED LEAGUE

There is little that can be said about Friday's Mixed Doubles game. Kowloon Cricket Club gallantly carries on, trying very hard but losing consistently. At best they can hope to build up their team with an eye to the future but it is hardly likely that the fruits of this policy will be apparent before next season.

I notice that A. L. Fisher appears to have given up this type of badminton as he did not play against Recreio and is not down to play to-night.

In this place, J. L. Anderson, whose combination with Miss Madge Griffiths in the old days was the most powerful in the Colony, has yet to win a game with Miss Stokes. Anderson is a much better mixed player than he is at the men's game and Miss Stokes should benefit a great deal from her association with him.

"B" DIVISION

KING'S FALTER; RECREIO REVIVAL

(By "ADREM")

With every reason to feel discouraged following their trouncing at the hands of St. John's, Recreio "B" made a great comeback on Wednesday evening to beat King's in a most thrilling finish by the odd game.

It was a really fine effort and has done a good deal to restore to the team the faith in themselves that St. John's all but wrecked.

In yesterday's article I dealt with the progress of the games in the final stages and I see no purpose in repetition.

As regards the players themselves sufficient credit cannot be given to the two pairs that made victory possible—A. E. Xavier and H. A. Barros, and R. A. Marques and H. F. Gonsalves.

Barros was the finest player in the former combination notwithstanding a bruised heel and a strapped-up knee. Chary about quick movement, he was nevertheless rarely caught out of position thanks to his wealth of experience and wide repertoire of strokes. Most fruitful shot of his was the smash, which, placed in the right spot, brought him heaps of points.

EFFECTIVE PAIR

Xavier was not always sure of himself and found difficulty in picking up hard smashes and drives, but he too knew what to do at the right time and after losing their first game, these two players were never in any difficulty, doing little that was spectacular but piling up their points no less surely.

R. A. Marques and Gonsalves also played very well in the final stages and in beating Lui and Woo, the visitors' best pair, played a fine brand of fighting badminton that thoroughly deserved success.

Gonsalves, as ever, provided the brains, scoring with a wide variety of strokes, while Marques settled down to smash with great vigour and gave his partner support.

Yvanovich was a true weak link in his team, errors had a disconcerting effect on Barros,

"B" DIVISION LEAGUE TABLE

	Games	P. W. L. F. A. Pts.
King's College	5	4 1 31 14 8
St. Teresa's	5	4 1 30 15 8
St. John's	3	3 0 23 4 6
Recreio	3	2 1 12 15 4
Kowloon Tong	4	2 2 17 19 4
St. Andrew's	4	1 3 15 21 2
V.R.C.	3	0 3 4 23 0
K.C.C.	5	0 5 12 33 0

TO-DAY'S BADMINTON

MIXED DOUBLES DECIDER?

(By "ADREM")

A definite indication as to where the Mixed Doubles League trophy will be housed at the end of this season should be provided to-night when University, the holders, meet Recreio "A" last year's runners-up.

University have lost the services of two of their championship team, the Misses Josephine Choa and Joyce Anderson but Miss Uheng Khoo and Miss J. Hung are useful and should give good accounts of themselves.

Recreio will be sadly weakened by the absence of Miss Marie Ribeiro but Mrs. A. C. Remedios, who is taking her place, is an experienced player and can be relied upon to give C. C. Pereira every support.

It is difficult to forecast the result but having regard to the superiority of the Recreio ladies, I am inclined to the belief that the King's Park team will win, although it is not likely that the margin will be more than the odd game.

Match between Talkoo and K.C.C. has been postponed.

RECREIO—C. C. Pereira and Mrs. A. C. Carvalho; Miss M. Silva and M. A. Oliveira; Miss O. Ribeiro and J. J. Remedios.

UNIVERSITY—P. K. Hui and Miss Uheng Khoo; K. L. Yong and Miss J. Hung; P. S. Bun and Miss Ulian Khoo.

who played very half-heartedly for the greater part of the evening.

Both rose to great heights in the final game, however, to register their only success and give their side victory.

Recreio have the talent to win the championship. A little stiffening in the right places and more practice and it is going to take a very good team to beat them.

KING'S DISAPPOINT

After Wednesday's display I can't see King's finishing in either of the top two positions. They have only one really good pair—K. L. Lui and H. T. Woo. Chan is not as good as he used to be and his partner W. C. Chung, although hardworking and keen, has less than a year's badminton behind him which is not enough experience to win games against the better teams.

The less said about S. W. Liang and W. M. Chetong the better. They could do nothing right on Wednesday and would not have done credit to a team in the running for the wooden spoon!

K.C.C. DO WELL

At Kowloon Tong, St. Teresa's met with unexpected opposition from Kowloon Cricket Club to whom they dropped three games.

The Church club were without Austin Ho, who was indisposed, and Joseph Lum was partnered by John Tang. These two lost two games but just managed to save the third against H. S. Jones and J. R. Turner, who looked fairly promising.

Fisher and Anderson played very well and thoroughly extended all the home pairs although they were only able to beat Lum and Tang.

St. John's, without Frank Kwok, were still able to beat V.R.C. for the loss of only one game. Only pair to lose were David Kwok and H. Maynard, who went down to D. M. Xavier and S. A. Burnham.

V.R.C. were unfortunate to be without O. A. Armitage who is suffering from an injury to his knee.

BADMINTON PAIRINGS

Following are leading pairings in the three division of the Badminton League:—

"A" DIVISION

	Games	P. W. L. F. A. Pts.
C. Au and H. Koh (C.Y.M.C.A.)	5	4 1 31 14 8
T. J. Ong and F. Koh (Chinese Y.M.C.A.)	5	4 1 30 15 8
P. S. Bun and M. S. Lim (University "A")	3	3 0 23 4 6
C. K. Lee and H. F. Chen (University "A")	3	2 1 12 15 4
P. K. Hui and K. L. Yong (University "A")	4	2 2 17 19 4
M. A. Oliveira and J. J. Remedios (Recreio)	4	1 3 15 21 2
L. A. Carvalho and A. M. Silva (Recreio)	3	0 3 4 23 0
P. H. Wong and P. C. Lau (Chinese Y.M.C.A.)	5	0 5 12 33 0
P. H. Wong and A. Chong (Chinese Y.M.C.A.)	5	0 5 12 33 0
K. S. Yeo and K. L. Hui (University "B")	5	0 5 12 33 0
C. B. Cheah and K. B. Low (University "B")	5	0 5 12 33 0
T. C. Chiu and S. L. Young (University "B")	5	0 5 12 33 0

"B" DIVISION

H. T. Woo and K. L. Lui (King's)	15	2	13
Peter Lo and J. Tsang (St. Teresa's)	15	2	13
John Chen and F. Tsang (St. Teresa's)	15	3	12
R. E. Lee and F. S. Ko (K. Tong)	12	4	8
S. P. Chan and W. C. Chung (King's)	9	1	8
P. Wilson and N. L. Smith (St. John's)	9	1	8
P. Wynter-Blyth and A. L. Fisher (K.C.C.)	9	3	6
H. Eardley and R. C. Beavan (St. John's)	6	0	6
N. A. E. Mackay and B. P. C. Fletcher (K. Tong)	6	1	5
A. E. P. Guest and W. Gilles (St. Andrew's)	12	7	5
H. Kew and E. F. Fincher (St. Andrew's)	9	4	5
A. E. Xavier and H. A. Barros (Recreio)	6	1	5

MIXED DOUBLES

Miss O. Ribeiro and J. J. Remedios (Recreio "A")	9	1	8
H. F. Gonsalves and Miss M. Xavier (Recreio "B")	12	4	8
Mrs. P. Wilson and D. Kwok (St. John's)	9	2	7
P. K. Hui and Miss Uheng Khoo (University)	6	0	6
J. Clarke and Mrs. T. Beattie (Talkoo)	6	0	6
P. S. Bun and Miss Ulian Khoo (University)	6	0	6
N. Beltrao and Miss S. Remedios (Recreio "B")	6	0	6
Miss M. Silva and M. A. Oliveira (Recreio "A")	6	1	5
Mrs. N. Strange and F. H. Kwok (St. John's)	9	4	5
H. Eardley and Miss D. Eardley (St. John's)	6	1	5
C. C. Pereira and Miss C. Silva (Recreio "B")	9	4	5

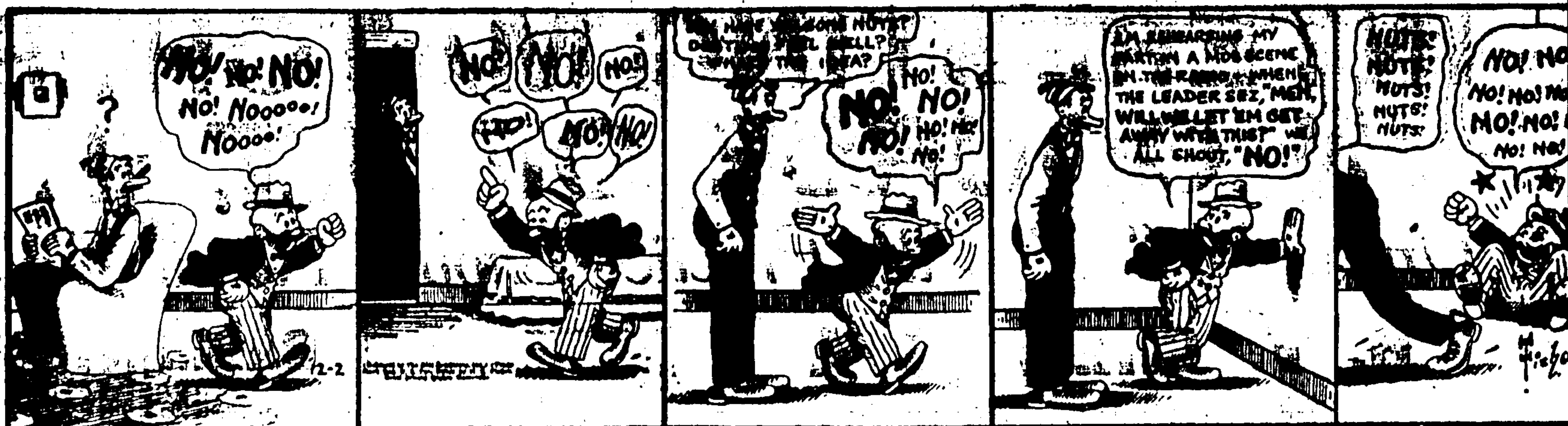


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Solos by Victoria Anderson (Contralto):—(a) In Questa Tomba (Beethoven); (c) Over the Mountains—Air from "Music's Recreation" 1852 (arr. Roger Quilter).

Solos by Viola Morris (Soprano):—(a) My Lovely Cella (Monro); (b) The Cuckoo—English Folk Song (arr. Cecil Sharp).

Duets:—(a) The Kerry Dance (arr. Alec Rowley); (b) Afton Water (arr. Moffatt) . . . unaccompanied. (c) Le coeur de ma mie (Jacques Dalcroze); (d) O Whistle, and I'll come to you my lad (arr. Maurice Jacobson).

8.45 p.m.—Orchestral Selections. Meg Merrilies (arr. Black) . . . Scottish Country Dance Orchestra cond. by Michael Black.
"London Again" Suite (Eric Coates) . . . The London Palladium Orchestra cond. by Richard Cream.

Two Symphonic Rhapsodies (Eric Coates); 1. I pitch my lonely Caravan; 2. Bird songs at eventide I heard you singing . . . New Light Symphony Orchestra cond. by Joseph Lewis.

9.05 p.m.—Studio—Comments on Recent Events.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—Now Summary.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—"World Affairs."

Talk On
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9.45 p.m. J. H. Squire Celeste Octet. My Sweetheart When A Boy (Morris); (a) It was a Lover and His Lass (Thomas Morley); (b) April is in my Mistress' Face (Thomas Morley) . . . unaccompanied. (c) When Spring with its Joy (Mozart); (d) Nymphs and Shepherds (Purcell).

9.55 p.m.—Walton—Facade Suite No. 1. London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by William Walton.

10.00 p.m.—Studio—"The Beauty of East Anglia"—4: East Anglia. The fourth of a series of talks by the Very Rev. The Dean of Hong Kong.

10.25 p.m.—Light Orchestral and Vocal Variety.

RADIO S.C. TROUNCED

Radio Sports Club, who are at present on the top of the H.K. Hockey Tournament table, were badly beaten by Rajputana Rifles in a friendly hockey match at Caroline Hill yesterday by six clear goals, after being one goal down in the first half.

The game was very one-sided owing to the fact that several regular players were absent from the Radio team.

Goal scorers were Lt. Sawal Khan (4), Lt. Indarjit Singh and L/N Takhat Singh.

Following will represent "Y" Ladies against H.K. Ladies in the Caer Clark Cup—Mrs. Trimmer; Mrs. Stone and Mrs. Strange; Miss M. McCaw, Mrs. Starbuck and Miss Pocock; Mrs. Burnett, Miss Baker, Miss D. McCaw, Miss Bradbury and Miss Buchanan.

HOCKEY MEETING POSTPONED

Owing to the non-appearance of the Navy and Civilian vice-presidents and the fact there was no quorum, the Council Meeting of Hong Kong Hockey Association scheduled for yesterday evening at St. Andrew's Church Hall was postponed until next Thursday at the same time and place.

MATCHES POSTPONED

The Caer Clark Cup and Brown Cup matches between St. Andrew's and Recreation and "Y" Ladies scheduled for to-morrow at King's Park have been postponed.

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hence shown that he did not fear it, East promptly led his ten of spades, which of course gave Declarer the hand.

You were Oswald Jacoby's partner yesterday and held:

♠ Q x
♥ Q x x x
♦ K Q 10 x x
♣ x x

The bidding:

Schenken	Jacoby	Maler	You
1♣	Dbl.	Pass	(?)

ANSWER: Your correct response is one diamond. While normally, we favour a major suit response when possible, in this case your hand is strong enough so that if your partner now bids a spade, you can afford to bid two hearts, conveying the information that although you have a good hand, your heart holding is shaky.

Score 100% for one diamond, 50% for one heart, 30% for two diamonds (an overbid).

QUESTION NO. 308

You are Declarer at six spades on the following hand:

♠ J 10 x x x x
♥ A x x x
♦ A K x
(Dummy)

♠ N
♥ E
♦ W
♣ S

(You)

♠ A K Q x x x
♥ x x x x
♦ x x x x
♣ x x x x

The King of diamonds is missing. What do you play? (Released by The Bell Syndicate)

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♥ K 5
♦ A J 8 7
♣ A 10 2

♠ J 6 4
♥ Q 4 3 2
♦ 3
♣ Q 9 7 6 3

♠ 10 9 8 7
♥ A
♦ K 9 6 2
♣ K J 8 5

♠ K Q
♥ J 10 9 8 7 6
♦ Q 10 5 4
♣ 4

The bidding:
North East South West
1♣ Pass 1♥ Pass
1♠ Pass 3♥ Pass
4♥ Pass Pass

While South's jump to three hearts was a distinct overbid, North had decided excess values and four hearts would normally have been a laydown.

West opened his singleton diamond. Recognizing it as such, Declarer went right up with the Ace dropping the Queen from his hand, played a small card, and led the Jack of hearts.

West, who had the spades, dummy the King and East with the Ace, now had to do to the King of diamonds. The King of diamonds was still in West's hand. But East was intrigued by the fact that Declarer had played that suit, and



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London, To-day.

The Hindenburg Dam, linking the German naval air base at Sylt with the mainland, appears to have been but slightly damaged in the British air raid.

Yesterday morning, a train was observed to move slowly along the dam, stop about half-way and fail to proceed further. Later, however, another train, moving very cautiously completed the journey across the causeway.

Danish residents in the region persist in statement that heavy firing was heard from the direction of the island of Sylt during daylight on Wednesday, but it is insisted in London that this had nothing to do with the R.A.F. No British planes were in the area during daylight.—Reuter.

"EYE-WITNESS" STORY

Copenhagen, To-day.

Two eye-witnesses of Wednesday's air battle say that they saw a foreign plane aim three bombs at the Hindenburg Dam. They were of opinion that one bomb hit.—Reuter.

NAZI PILOTS SET BIG BOMBER ON FIRE

Copenhagen, To-day.

A big German bomber made a forced landing at Skaerbaek, in South Jutland, yesterday. The crew

AFGHAN TAX INCREASES FOR DEFENCE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Cairo, To-day.

All taxes have been boosted up in Afghanistan in the last few weeks, reports the Kabul correspondent of a Cairo newspaper.

The tax increases are justified by the urgent need of funds for rearming and modernising the country.

The Afghan Government has drawn up an important programme for buying arms and munitions abroad, and intends further to facilitate the country's defence by the construction of three railways and the creation of two powerful radio stations.

Simultaneously severe measure have been taken against Communist propaganda.

A special State Police has been formed whose task consists of watching Red activities in Afghanistan.—Havas.

The following have been elected officers of the La Salle Old Boys' Association: President, Brother Airmar; Vice-Presidents, Brother Gerfried and Mr. L. Allaye; Secretary, Mr. S. Leung; Treasurer, Mr. J. Kwan.

His Excellency the Governor has signified his intention of visiting boys' and girls' clubs on the island on Tuesday evening.

set the plane on fire before surrendering to the authorities.—Reuter.

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London, To-day.

Two German planes bombed and machine-gunned the trawlers Burnbanks and Dandolo off the North-East coast of Scotland. None of the crew was hit and both trawlers escaped damage. The coxswain of the lifeboat which brought ashore the survivors of the mined steamer Traviata reported that a German plane had bombed and machine-gunned the trawler Holyrood. Two bombs struck the rail and fell into the sea. Two others missed. The captain was wounded.—Reuter.

Rome, To-day.

The Italian steamer mined yesterday is reported to be the Traviata, of five thousand tons. It is learned that she carried a crew of 60 and that all were rescued.—Reuter.

Dr. C. T. Wang, former Chinese Ambassador to America, returned to the Colony from the Philippines this morning.

Badminton match between University and Recrelo has been postponed—3 p.m.

Disagreeing with a price asked for vegetables in the Sha Po Market in Kowloon City this morning, a 58-year-old Chinese, Ng Wah-lang, found himself in a fight with a hawk and was seriously injured.

It is alleged that the hawk struck the old man with a chopper. Ng was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital.

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The Arts Association of H.K. University are presenting a play, "The Professor from Peking" next Friday at 8.45 p.m. Sir Geoffry and Lady Northcote will be present.

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